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## GOOD MORNING

## WEATHER

**Today:** Sunny and warmer with light winds, high 61. Clear tonight, low 37.

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## MAGIC VALLEY

**Lynx listing:** Local forest officials are downplaying a decision to add a rare cat to the endangered species list.

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## MONEY



**Someone wants the land:** It's willing to help Twin Falls, so The Salvation Army is searching out a new location for its thrift store.

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## FOOD &amp; HOME



**County cooking:** This local cook is a Taste of Home fan who grew up on home cooking.

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## SPORTS

**Twice as nice:** Five schools have both their men's and women's teams still alive in the NCAA basketball tournaments.

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**Jazzed up:** Utah hosted Denver in NBA action on Tuesday night.

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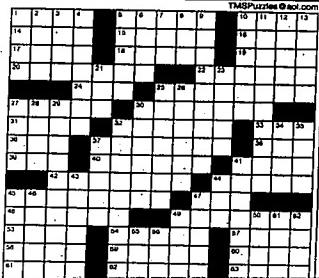
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## MORNING-BREAK

New and improved spiders  
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Q. Where and when did packaged salad makings come on the market?

A. At the Fresh Express produce company in Salinas, Calif., in 1983. Third-generation lettuce marketer Steve Taylor introduced a packaged garden salad in a patented "Keep Crisp" film bag. Sales took off.

Eighty percent of a spider is fluid.

The Internal Revenue Service last November began its search for about 100,000 people owed refunds for 1998 overpayments. Changes of address and illegible handwriting prevented delivery of that much money.

Yes, a beaver has webbed toes, but only on its hind feet.

Those who know all about tectonic plates say California will not slide into the Pacific Ocean, but will slide into Canada. Someday, someday.

Q. Why do violin makers use rabbit-hide glue to bond the instrument's parts together?

A. It can be separated easily for repair.

In Greenland, according to the World Health Organization, 56 percent of the 15-year-old boys and 46 percent of the 15-year-old girls smoke cigarettes daily.

Whoever invented the first



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engine of whatever kind was ingenious. So the ancients thought. "Engine" and "ingenuity" come from the same Latin word.

Big among bundlers are the ring-tailed lemurs; sometimes as many as 1,000 roll up together to sleep through the winter.

In the deadly cannibalistic societies of animals, the less conspicuous the sex partner, the better the odds of survival. Or so say the experts. They say further the drab mates are less likely than the gaudy to come under fatal attack.

Q. You said "Red" was one of the oldest nicknames in human history. You mean among Scandinavians?

A. Even earlier. Among Egyptians.

If you compare the sizes of the birds' eggs to the sizes of the birds, the ostrich eggs are among the smallest and the hummingbird eggs among the largest.

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## HOROSCOPE

Sydney Oman

roles. Catch up with job left undone.

**TAURUS** (July 21-April 19): Take charge of your destiny — good news coming. You learn plenty from arcane literature, the occult. Money ceases to be a problem.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Questions loom large concerning career; business-partnership, marital status. Moon position highlights proposals, legal and financial matters involved.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Utilize wit, wisdom, above-average intelligence. Work methods improve; a friendship is formed with one who shares basic interests. Sagittarian involved.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Lunar position highlights personal magnetism, sex appeal. Creative juices stir. Taurus, Scorpio persons play major

roles. Sagittarian involved.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Maintain universal outlook — toss aside preconceived notions.

You could be entering a new

metaphysical realm. Others look to you for inspiration.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will remember this day. Many of your hopes, wishes could become realities. You make fresh start, could fall deeply in love. Leo plays Machiavelli role.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): There will be much talk concerning travel, enlarging horizons. Follow instincts and your heart. You will be away from loved one for a time. Gemini featured.

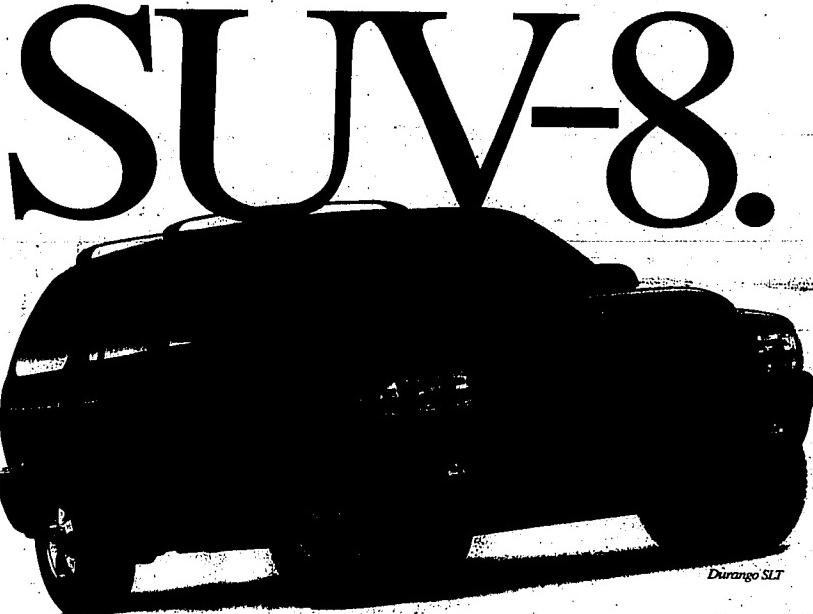
## Exotic Teak Furniture, Clock And Art Sale



Skilled Thai wood carvers custom crafted this beautiful sitting room set out of teak using a horse motif. Since these pieces were carved, teak trees may no longer be harvested in Thailand. The set includes 3, 2 and 1-seat chairs carved front and back with a corner table, tea table and magazine rack \$12,500. Hand carved oak grandfather clock with choice of 2 chime tunes made by Gazo of San Diego - \$3,200. Gazo hand carved oak wall clock with 2 chimes - \$1,450. Hand carved teak cradle - \$995. Charles Russell stagecoach horse with team of horses - \$9,500. Ace Powell original oil of nursing Indian mother - \$9,500. Also other assorted paintings and artwork. These items would look great in your home or office. They may be viewed between now and April 7 at Martin St. Professional Building, 325 Martin St. Ste. #1, Twin Falls, 734-2374.

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## Ugandan bishops wash hands of cult deaths

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Uganda's Roman Catholic hierarchy distanced itself Tuesday from the fiery deaths of hundreds of members of a religious sect led by former Catholic clergy, saying the group's excommunicated leaders "erred and broke the discipline of the church."

The sect members were mis-

led by obsessed leaders into an obsession of religiosity completely rejected by the Catholic Church," the bishops said in a statement issued in the Ugandan capital, Kampala.

At least 330 sect members burned to death Friday in a chapel on the sect's farm in southwestern Uganda. Authorities were still investigat-

ing the tragedy, and left open the possibility that charges might be filed in the deaths. They didn't say who might face charges.

Bulldozers completed the burial, Tuesday, of hundreds of charred bodies in a mass grave alongside the burned chapel. The bishops interrupted an annual retreat Tuesday to

respond to suggestions they had erred in isolating the sect over disagreements about church doctrine.

Leaders of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God proclaimed the world would end in 2000, saying they received the message directly from God, the statement said.

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# OPINION

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## EDITORIAL

### Flawed, abused, ignored, Census still serves a need

Good accountants like to square their books now and then, and so does Uncle Sam: He's doing it right now, with the 2000 Census.

We encourage everyone to fill out the census forms that arrive in the mail. It's the right thing to do. Having a firm grasp on the number of people living in a given area is essential for a representative democracy.

Having said that, let's be realistic

*Given the widening public distrust of big government and big databases, is it any wonder millions of Americans will deliberately duck the Census?*

along with plenty of law-abiding people who simply distrust the government, are expected to drive Census compliance down to perhaps 60 percent.

Dwindling compliance is nothing new: In 1990, the compliance rate was 65 percent. That was down from 75 percent in 1980, and 78 percent in 1970.

Knowing many people won't fill out the 2000 Census forms, Uncle Sam plans to dispatch roughly half a million Census minions to visit households that don't respond.

But no matter what lengths the government goes to, it's almost inevitable that some people won't be counted. The 1990 undercount was less than 2 percent of the total, but it could be higher this year.

Like so much else in the federal government these days, there are political overtones to this year's count. The Census Bureau, along with the Clinton administration, is now using statistical adjustments to eliminate the undercount. Congressional Republicans insist the Census should count actual people. The dispute does nothing to boost public confidence in the 2000 Census.

Such distrust is a shame, because the Census fulfills useful functions. It is used to reapportion the nation's congressional districts and to parcel out two dollars to communities. More profoundly, information about America's population helps to inform political debate.

Despite the imperfections of the Census, filling it out still makes sense. We hope people do just that.



### Bush, Gore wrestle for moderates

**F**our months ago, as the presidential year was about to begin, the editors of *The New Democrat*, a magazine published by the middle-road Democratic Leadership Council, addressed what their article called "The Compassionate Conservative Challenge." It was unmistakably a warning not to take the candidacy of Texas Gov. George W. Bush too lightly.

While other Democrats fretted about Bush's fund-raising prowess and wealth of endorsements, it was the intellectual-political challenge that worried the apostles of President Clinton's "New Democrat" movement. "In essence," the unsigned essay said, "Bush and the compassionate conservatives are trying to persuade the GOP to recognize that there is growing national consensus in favor of limited, activist government — the same consensus behind the rise of the New Democrat movement and the Clinton-Gore administration. It is vital for Democrats to keep fighting for this vital center."

The authors argued that Bush "is indistinguishable from old-fashioned, uncompassionate conservatives on many issues," but warned that his positions on education, defense and foreign policy could make him a more formidable opponent than the Republicans had feared.

Last week, a Voter.com Battleground 2000 Poll — a bipartisan project that has achieved an excellent reputation in the political world — reinforced that warning. Like almost every other survey taken since Bush and Vice President Gore selected their running mates, it points to an extremely close election. Bush had a nominal 47 percent to 44 percent lead, just inside the margin of error in this sample of 1,000 likely voters.

Colinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who teams up with Republican Ed Goeas and driven by focus groups and polls.

The one thing I can't do is blame those who degrade and debase our governmental system for the state of American politics. With the ignorance and apathy that comes with not educating the people on the brilliance it took to devise our unique form of government, what else can we expect? It's that very ignorance of the responsibility we hold which allows us to corrupt self-seeking people to gain once-honorable positions. If you want to know whom I blame, go look in a mirror and you'll see who's at fault.

WILLIAM LOCKER  
Filer

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#### Hate isn't a family value

On March 12, my husband and I settled in to watch the Magic Valley Show, a local variety show on PAX 55. I was shocked to hear the host, Zeb Bell, declaring on the air how glad he was that the state of California had not allowed same-sex marriages. He went on congratulating them, muttering about the tax load and benefits to the "rest of us" because of their actions and proceeding to laud their efforts to stop what he called the furthering of the homosexual agenda.

I was amazed that such words were actually coming out of the mouth from a local TV host on this little show that highlights the beauty of living in the Magic Valley! (I might have expected something along those lines from one of the fine specimens of society served up on the Jerry Springer show or from some fictional homophobe who is insecure with his own sexuality in a gritty cop drama.) I am sure he did gallantly stand by the action of this show as PAX 55 supports family values.

I, for one, am sick at heart to hear that family values include teaching our chil-



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on this project, pointed out that Gore has closed the gap on Bush since their previous joint survey last January. And no one who followed Gore's landslide Bill Bradley would doubt his ability to give Bush the stiffest competition the governor ever has encountered.

That is especially true if the economy remains strong, and voters give credit to the people who have been in charge of government during this unprecedented run of prosperity. As Lake said at the briefing on the poll, the strong economy has been one of the major factors that has helped Gore's campaign.

But almost everything else in the poll suggests that Bush is well-positioned, just as the DLC crowd feared he would be, to challenge Gore for the "vital center" of American politics.

Most voters say they consider Bush "somewhat conservative," which is how most of them categorize themselves, while Gore is rated "moderately liberal."

Compared to much of their recent commentary, there is little evidence that Bush "went too far right" in turning back the primary-election challenge of Arizona Sen. John McCain. The Bob Jones University visit, the support Bush received from Pat Robertson and all the other debris from his war with McCain have not damaged Bush that much, the poll indicates. His favorable ratings are higher than Gore's, his negatives lower.

The so-called "soccer mom" white suburban women — whether working or at home — are going for Bush. Among all likely voters, Bush is rated almost even

with Gore on his approach to improving education, and the two men do another favorite Democratic issue — guns. Hispanics prefer Bush over Gore by a small margin, but a much larger one for a Republican in Congress than for a Democrat a 15-point edge for Gore.

Lake argued that these ratings may well change as Gore and the Democrats' go after Bush's Texas record and his national policies. But she also conceded that "when voters can't figure out what the election is about," because no single issue dominates the agenda, the emphasis on non-Gore's found voters placing on "moral values" may prove to be a boon to Republicans.

My hunch is that Bush will be a better general-election candidate than he was in the primaries. Gore competed against "all other Democrats" in the 1988 presidential nomination battle, and clearly learned important lessons about organization and campaigning in the course of that losing. Bush's only previous experience in a Republican primary came a long time ago, in a weak Texas congressional race, where he won the nomination but lost the election.

Bush got an intensive course in campaigning from the barrios to the suburbs in his two successful races for governor of Texas, and the Battleground Poll indicates he came through the nomination fight with political capital that the same kind of inclusive campaign this summer.

There's nothing in the polls — or in any serious analysis of the electoral college map — to make Bush the favorite. But the notion that he lost his chance of being elected by the way in which he won the nomination seems far-fetched. Just as the New Democrats feared, their man is going to have to arm-wrestle Bush for supremacy in the center.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

## LETTERS

### Today's politicians fall short

Notified that he had been unanimously elected America's first president, George Washington entered the following in his diary: "...and with a mind oppressed with more anxious and pitiful situations than any man ever experienced to express set out for New York with best disposition to render service to my country in obedience to its call but with less hope of answering its expectations."

Does anyone see in our current officials such a sense of humility, duty or gratitude for the honor of serving America? Whereas Washington credited "that Almighty Being who rules the universe" for America's blessings, Bill Clinton claims the credit for today's blessings and portrays himself and Gore as the lone protectors of those blessings. And that same egotism permeates the thinking of our representatives in the House and Senate.

Two hundred years ago, a sense of sacrifice did uphold those brave enough to represent the people, though it cost many founding fathers all they owned and cost some their lives. Today's representatives, with some outstanding exceptions, are there for self-aggrandizement, personal agendas and the prestige of being called congressman, senator or Mr. President. Sadly, the prestige of those titles, particularly after the last few years, is gone.

Adams, Jefferson, Morris and the other founders entrusted to us the responsibility to seek virtue, honor and humility in

dread to hate anybody different from them and brainwashing them to join the ranks of loud-mouthed bigots. It is entirely too sad that these lessons in non-tolerance have to be handed down from generation to generation like some perverted legacy.

Oh well, what do I know? I am sure that those same people who expressed such horror at what they term the furthering of the homosexual initiative would just as likely find it very unbecoming for a mere woman to express her views in public.

CAMILLE BARIGAR  
Twin Falls

### Where where the parents?

I wrestled with my conscience for two days before I decided I had to write this letter.

My husband and I decided to go to a movie last Sunday afternoon and arrived at the theater just as the movie started. It was dark inside, but I could make out people in the back rows and three persons at the extreme front of the theater. The theaters are not crowded, to say the least.

The movie was R-rated with a basic story line of shoot and kill anyone that

gets in your way. The plot also contained a hefty dose of nudity, sexuality and foul language, common themes for adult movies these days. This is not my concern.

Before the end of the movie, the three people at the front of the theater turned out to be three juveniles, shouting at the images on the screen and running in and out of the theater.

When we emerged into a nearly empty lobby, except for one employee, we discovered that the juveniles were three little girls with appropriate ages of 5 through 10 and no adult supervision in sight.

My concern is for the kids. Parents have a responsibility to make sure their children are seeing age-appropriate movies that their immature emotions can handle. The theater has a responsibility to see that children have not been admitted to an inappropriate movie and to check the theaters occasionally to make sure children are present.

This apparently didn't happen at the 2:50 p.m. showing of "The Whole Nine Yards" on March 12.

Concerned parent and grandparent, DORIS BOURN Jerome

By Bruce Tinsley

### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

## OPINION

## LETTERS

**Economy is built on farming**

Many of my farmer friends can't make enough money to survive. These are good farmers not marginal or average. These guys don't drive new pickups or new tractors. Yet they have hung on, farming the same ground their parents and grandparents have farmed, and stayed in business with lousy potato, bean and grain prices for the last 20 years. They never get cost-of-living increases because some bureaucrats said they needed one. They don't get new vehicles because some committee had a little extra money at the end of the year. These guys handle dangerous chemicals and equipment and do hard physical labor for long hours for lower than minimum-wage pay. They're forced to budget their entire year's income on very few checks and for uncertain prices. How many of you wage earners out there would like to have paychecks that do not pay increases for 20 years?

The government policy of cheap food will ruin this nation, which was built on the backs of efficient hard-working farmers. This country is the breadbasket of the world. With help from scientific research and ingenuity, along with the farmers to try new methods, one farmer can feed hundreds if not thousands of people. U.S. citizens spend less percentage of their incomes on food than any other nation. One bushel of wheat at today's \$2.50 per bushel price equates to about 1.5 pounds of bread or about 24 loaves of bread for a dollar's worth of wheat. That's all the farmer gets.

Magic Valley is an agricultural-based economy. If agriculture falters, so will local car dealers, TV stations, newspapers, as well as most retail and service businesses.

There aren't enough other types of production, recreation or other service-oriented incomes to keep this desert town busy.

I think that quality Idaho wheat is a much better trade than all the stuff that we import, or lowered or non-existent tariffs from the "most favored nation," China, which is most likely slave labor if not sweatshop produced. WTO reminds me of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), which reminds me that I must get back to work!

**WILLIAM BOKMA**  
Twin Falls

**China doesn't deserve it**

The deal that the United States and Communist China signed last November to facilitate China's accession into the

World Trade Organization has become a cause for rejoicing among many who support "free trade" with China. Nevertheless, there is a sound national security argument against doing business with the red giant. Since China is a self-proclaimed member of the United States, it makes no sense to engage technology transfers that enable it to modernize its enforcement of military capabilities. There is also a sound moral argument. Since China is a tyrannical regime that suppresses basic rights, engaging in trade that strengthens the regime can only make the chains of despotism even heavier for the Chinese people.

Yet even if the national security and moral considerations are put aside, there is another problem. It seems that the trade we have been conducting with China has not been free but subsidized, notably by the Chinese government but by the American taxpayer as well.

The U.S. taxpayer-subsidized Export-Import Bank subsidized trade with China to the tune of \$5.9 billion in 1998. The U.S. taxpayer-subsidized Asian Development Bank and World Bank awarded \$1.5 billion and \$2.4 billion, respectively, in new loans to China that same year. Without these subsidies, it is unlikely that wealthy transnational elitists would invest in China's risky market.

Please note the time to call Rep. Mike Simpson in opposition to any legislation which would grant Red China permanent normal trade relations subsidies.

**RICHARD L. MARTIN JR.**  
Buena

**Neighborhood pets disappear**

To the people living in the immediate area of the Nottingham-Longbow neighborhood in Twin Falls, please be aware that we may have a cat killer as one of our neighbors.

I do not have any physical evidence to support this suspicion yet, but several of us over the past two or more years, and most recently in the last few months, have had our pets simply disappear. The circumstances surrounding these disappearances are too suspicious to be attributed to unrelated or without human intention. The Humane Society also confirmed that they have received quite a few inquiries from our area by people whose pets have disappeared.

The disheartening part is that even if such persons were caught, little if anything would be done to them. There are too few laws that protect pets from cruel and inhumane treatment. However, poisoning is a felony.

which is possibly why there have been no bodies.

I would like to suggest that if anyone has any suspicions, please report them to the Humane Society. As a responsible pet owner and for the safety and protection of your pet, please keep them inside or only let them out when you can keep an eye on them. Contrary to some beliefs, cats do just fine living indoors. Also, your pet will be much less likely to wander if it has been spayed or neutered. Spaying or neutering will also limit the number of unwanted or abandoned cats and dogs left to the brutality of homelessness.

We cannot control the intolerance and cruelty of other people, as evidenced by Barbara Martinez' letter in the March 6 Times-News, so please protect your pets. Barbara, I wish you and the authorities luck in finding the persons responsible for killing the dogs. I will also be watching. There is no valid excuse for this or any kind of cruelty.

**DENISE SMITH**  
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**IDaho****Senate trims tax break**

**BOISE (AP)** — The center piece 3 percent across the board personal income tax credit was stripped from the House-passed election-year tax bill by the Senate on Tuesday, but a multi-million-dollar mistake in another provision will force further tinkering before the bill comes to a floor vote.

**Republican Floor Leader**  
James Risch of Boise said the technical error could be corrected on Wednesday, but that will add another day's delay to final Senate consideration of the scaled-back bill so it can finally be handed over to House-Senate negotiators for compromise talks.

But after the Senate eliminated the \$27 million tax break that went primarily to the wealthy who pay the most taxes, House leaders of the tax reduction Gangplank were in no mood to bargin.

"They've totally left the private citizen out of the equation, and I don't think we can even begin to agree with that," House tax committee Chairman Dolores Crow declared.

Reducing the price tag on the \$4.1 billion House bill to the \$17.5 billion Gangplank, the Senate tentatively agreed. It had been at the center of complex financial maneuvering intended to satisfy at least some tax cutters without lowering the state school aid package \$15 million below the modest increase recommended by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The latest threat to that fiscal balancing act is pressure from commodity truckers for general taxpayers to cover a \$27 million service fee imposed by the interstate trucking industry after it successfully challenged the state truck tax. That would essentially leave lawmakers with the worst of both worlds — no significant individual income tax cut and a school aid budget well below Kempthorne's.

**House passes controversial religion bill**

**BOISE (AP)** — The lopsided vote did not reveal how divided the House was over a proposal to restore what supporters called the historical legal standard for limiting freedom of religion.

Final legislative approval sending Gov. Dirk Kempthorne the bill on a 53-17 vote Tuesday came after more than 90 minutes of debate, appeals to slow down and a failed attempt to put the measure up for amendment.

The bill would require proof that a "compelling governmental interest" exists before any action that would "unduly unduly burden a person's exercise of religion." Opposition was fueled by concerns that the measure could allow discrimination, lawlessness or even child abuse or neglect under the cover of exercising religious freedom, as well as the fact that a number of churches had withdrawn their support for legislation similar to that adopted by seven other states. "I feel like I'm being placed in a very awkward position, one that I don't think is warranted," Democratic Rep. David Bieter of Boise said, warning that extremist groups "may use this bill to further some real mischief."

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**LEGISLATIVE LOG****The Associated Press****Completes for Tuesday Sent to governor**

**SB1394 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Prohibits state and local laws from interfering with the right to commit suicide without a compelling government interest.

**HB352 (Hewson)** — Refunds to insurance firms \$3.1 million in premium tax overpayments.

**Killed by House**

**HB1716 (Education)** — Creates the Public Schools Opt-in Fund.

**Killed by Senate**

**SB1526 (State Affairs)** — Creates a special committee to review county commissioners districts.

**Confirmed by Senate**

Ralph Harwell, Idaho Falls, to the Idaho State Lottery Commission.

**Introduced In House**

**HB1324 (Finance)** — Directs money to the Water Pollution Control Account and Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Account.

**SB1393 (Agricultural Affairs)** — Gives the Idaho Department of Agriculture authority to create rules to regulate of beef cattle feeding operations.

**SB1549 (Finance)** — Appropriates more than \$7.2 million to the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind for the budget year that begins July 1.

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**HB1355 (State Affairs)** — Adds the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the sergeant-at-arms, of the House to the state seal of the House.

**HB1763 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates more than \$23.8 million to the Department of Finance to purchase bonds and lend money to cities.

**Agriculture for the budget year that begins July 1.**

**HB1754 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates almost \$48.8 million to the Idaho State Police for the budget year that begins July 1.

**HB1755 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates almost \$16.1 million to the Idaho Commission on the Arts for the budget year that begins July 1.

**HB1766 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates more than \$54.9 million to the Department of Fish and Game for budget year beginning July 1.

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**Legislative action complete**

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**SB1574 (State Affairs)** — Revises the fee structure for the state commission to reward and encourage resort county option sales taxes.

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Wednesday, March 22, 2000

Section B

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Bomb threat clears Filer High School

**FILER** - A bomb threat forced the evacuation of Filer High School Tuesday morning, but a search of the campus turned up empty.

A male caller phoned the school around 8:50 a.m. and said a bomb was located inside the school, Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson said.

Students were immediately evacuated and taken to the nearby Filer fairgrounds while authorities scoured the school, he said.

Officers from Buhi Idaho State Police and Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office helped with the search, which lasted most of the morning but didn't turn up anything, Johnson said.

Students returned to class and police were continuing to investigate, he said.

### Property owners might qualify for tax reduction

**TWIN FALLS** - Looking to cut back on your property tax?

The Idaho State Tax Commission announced Tuesday that up to \$1,200 in property tax reduction is available this year for qualified applicants under Idaho's Circuit Breaker program, an Idaho State Tax Commission press release says. To be eligible, homeowners must have a gross income of less than \$70,000 in household income for 1999, after deducting non-reimbursed medical expenses. They must also be in one of the following categories as of Jan. 1, 2000:

- Age 65 or older
- Widow(er) of any age
- Blind
- Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age
- Former prisoner of war or hostage

Disabled (as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board or Federal Civil Service).

Property tax reduction applications are available from county assessors and must be filed with them by April 17.

Call the tax commission at (208) 334-7736 or log on-line at [www.2state.id.us/tax/](http://www.2state.id.us/tax/)

### Gravel spill blocks lane of Interstate 84

**WENDELL** - One lane of Interstate 84 was closed Tuesday morning when a gravel truck lost its load.

The truck spilled its gravel into one of the eastbound lanes near the Wendell exit, closing the lane for about an hour, the Idaho State Police said.

The Idaho Transportation Department cleared the mess, and the highway was fully opened around 11 a.m., the ISP said.

No one was hurt, the ISP said.

### Twin Falls principals to present goals update

**TWIN FALLS** - Principals of Twin Falls schools today will continue a series of presentations before the Twin Falls School Board.

Principals are updating the board once a month in progress in meeting goals set by staff at each school. Today's presentation will be given by Gordon Armstrong, Brett Black Elementary School, Brett Gile, Franklin Elementary School, and Bill Jones from Magic Valley High School.

Goals focus on student achievement and other issues unique to each school.

The board meets at 7 p.m. at the school district's administrative offices, 201 Main Ave. W.

### Ski season winds down on Bald Mountain

**SUN VALLEY** - Now that's spring has arrived, things are winding down on Bald Mountain.

The hillside Roundhouse restaurant, which opened this season for the first time in three years, will close for the winter season on the end of the day April 1. Ditto for the Trail Creek Cabin.

Dollar Cabin' and the Ram Restaurant will close for the winter season at the end of the day April 8.

The Lookout, Warm Springs, Seaside Ridge and River Run day lodges are scheduled to close the last day of the ski season. Right now that's April 23 but the date is subject to change.

Compiled from staff reports

## Skateboarders sue for damages

### Parking lot scuffle leads to filing of lawsuit

By Brian Haynes  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Two skateboarders and their mothers are suing Twin Falls County's part-time coroner and the security company he works for, because of a scuffle in the parking lot of the Lynwood Shopping Center.

In a lawsuit filed in Twin Falls County, skateboarders Michael Loden and Austin Hoy, and their mothers, Rosemarie Loden and Sara Hoy, seek more than \$10,000 in damages from Gene Turley and Gem State Security.

The suit claims the skateboarders suffered severe shock, and multiple contusions and abrasions during the Feb. 16 incident that cause them "great mental, physical and nervous pain and suffering."

The lawsuit also seeks medical and legal costs, plus damages because Turley confiscated the skateboard.

"In my mind they're just trying to cash in," said Turley's lawyer and Gem State Security owner, Mark Stubbe. "It appears as though they want to exploit this to the fullest extent."

In the lawsuit the plaintiffs say Turley, who was working for Gem State Security, confronted the boys while they skateboarded at the Lynwood Mall.

After driving up to the boys Turley

grabbed Michael Loden's skateboard and pushed him into a wall, the lawsuit says.

Then, the suit says, Turley took Austin Hoy's skateboard, fought with the boy and sat on him before repeatedly pushing his head into the ground.

No court dates have been set for the case.

The suit was filed March 14.

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## HEATING UP



Brian Schmidt uses a torch to burn the weeds off the edge of one of his fields near Filer. With warmer temperatures arriving in the Magic Valley, farmers are preparing their fields for planting.

BRUCE SCHMIDT/The Times-News

## Classrooms will be ready later this spring

By Jay Howser  
Times-News writer

those problems have been solved.

The construction crew is now finishing up applying the exterior or synthetic plaster and painting the interior. Next week workers will start the flooring, Bay said.

"It's now down to just putting the finishing touches on it so they can have it," Bay said Tuesday afternoon.

The new classrooms are being funded through an override levy passed last year by voters and are intended to address crowding and causing mold to grow. He said

Jerome High School will let out at 12:30 p.m. Friday to get a head start on the flooring project to be completed over spring break. No lunch was served that day, and no busing will be provided during the noon hour. Accommodations will be provided for students who need to wait for buses at the normal hour.

Other School Board business:

A plan to move Jerome High School's 2001 graduation ceremony to CSI campus was presented to the board. Principal

Gail Cushman said the move is necessary to provide more seating and avoid bad weather that has hampered ceremonies in the past. The cost of renting the facility would be \$400, she said.

The board heard more details on a plan to implement an extended year reading program as part of the Idaho Reading Initiative.

Times-News writer Jay Howser can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 407, or by email at [jhowser@magicvalley.com](mailto:jhowser@magicvalley.com).

## Federal wildlife agency lists Canada lynx as threatened

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**DENVER** - U.S. Forest Service officials expect little immediate change in the activities in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, after federal officials have added a rare wild cat to the federal endangered species list.

But forest officials will take up to six months to decide how to proceed, Deb Bumpus, threatened and endangered biologist in the SNRA, said Tuesday.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has declared the Canada lynx a nocturnal, tuff-skinned animal, a doctor, that biologists have had a tough time studying it, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

Tuesday's decision will apply only to the lower 48 states, since the lynx thrives in Alaska.

Environmentalists have been pressing the agency to protect the snowshoe-pawed cat for a decade. Confirmed breeding populations remain in only three states: Washington, Montana and Maine. In fact, 14-state range included Idaho.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo fears the

### A quick look at the Canada lynx

**Lynx canadensis**  
Size: 20 to 30 pounds, 19 to 24 inches tall and up to 3 feet long.

**Color:** Brown-gray.

**Features:** Black ear tufts; thick, soft, black-tipped stubby tail; long legs; longer hind legs; large, fury paws.

**Prey:** Primarily preys on snowshoe hares, also eats red squirrels, grouse and other small animals; it also eats larger animals that others have killed, habitat: Northern and high elevation.

listing would affect backcountry users.

"The listing of the lynx as threatened could have a serious impact on the way we [if Idaho] use the backcountry; for snowmobiling, snowshoeing, for land use, for any use," Crapo said.

"We know very little about how this listing will affect the use of the land," he said.

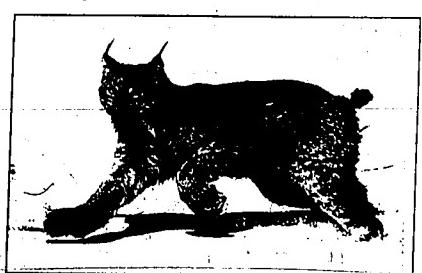
But Bumpus doesn't see any conflicts in the SNRA as long as winter recreation stays at present levels, she said.

The Forest Service already has

been at work on protecting lynx, its habitat and the habitat of its primary prey species—the snowshoe hare, Bumpus said. The Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Fish and Wildlife earlier this year signed a lynx conservation agreement.

The agreement analyzes and minimizes the effects of planned and ongoing activities and recommends lynx conservation measures. It outlines principles to manage for lynx, its habitat and the habitat of the snowshoe hare, Bumpus said.

These protective Forest Service conservation actions, though independent of our decision to list the lynx, will play a crucial role in our efforts to recover the lynx," said Ralph Morgenweck, the Fish and Wildlife Service's regional director.



A female Canadian lynx heads for the woods after being released near South Fork, Colo., in this file photo. The elusive nocturnal cat has breeding populations in only three states; it is believed: Washington, Montana, and Maine.

SNRA officials are trying to determine the extent of lynx habitat and how it may be affected by other activities such as recreation, grazing, timber and roads, Bumpus said.

Please see LYNN, Page B3

**MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO**

# Weather radios stand as guards

**DEAR ABBY:** Again the other morning the news was about the terrible losses from a tornado striking in the middle of the night — this time in south Georgia. Could you please tell people about weather-warning radios? Sadly, they seem to be a welcome secret.

A few tornadoes struck at night in other states last year. I bought weather radios for each of my children's homes and for myself. They're relatively inexpensive (\$30 to \$60) and can be tucked in a corner, out of the way. What they do is respond to a radio signal from the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) when dangerous weather is imminent. The signal turns on the radio for all people.

The radio at our house is halfway outside our bedrooms. It's tuned to the nearest weather station, with the volume up all the way. At 2:30 a.m. on the night the storm hit Georgia, we were awakened by the signal and the warning of a potentially dangerous storm. Luckily, we had only torrential rain and some tree-trimming wind. At least we knew what was happening and could



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

have made it to the basement if things had gotten worse.

We are blessed with attentive weather people on television and at NOAA who notify us of impending storms. However, at night there is no better way to learn of impending bad weather than from a weather radio. I'd rather be awakened for a storm than sit in bed and chance what happened to those poor folks in Georgia.

Thanks, Abby, for giving me a forum. I hope you'll consider this letter worth printing.

— JANET H. MAHANNAH,  
GASTONIA, N.C.

**DEAR JANET:** Your letter is certainly worth space in my column. I'm sure there are many other individuals like me who have never heard of weather-

warning radios.

After reading your letter, I made some inquiries about NOAA Weather Radios, which continually broadcast National Weather Service forecasts, warnings and other important weather information. They can be programmed to receive information specific to a certain geographic area.

The NOAA Weather Radio is one government-operated radio system that provides direct warnings to the public for natural and man-made hazards, from floods to forest fires to oil spills.

The radios are available at many retail stores that sell electronic appliances, marine supply stores, truck stops, cable shopping networks, mail-order catalogs and the Internet. They cost from \$20 to \$80 depending on the model.

For people who live in areas where violent storms occur, a NOAA weather radio could be a lifesaver. However, while most areas in the country are covered by the NOAA warning system, a few areas may not be, so ask at your local National Weather Service office before you purchase the weather radio!

## SERVICES

**KIM B. ANDERSON** of Burley, services at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave. in Burley (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

**LUCILLE MARLEY KEMP TILLEY** of Kimberly, services at 11 a.m. today at Restlawn Cemetery in Pocatello (White Mortuary in Kimberly Chapel).

**THOMAS G. TEEETER** of Malta, services at 11 a.m. today at the Malta LDS First and Second Ward Chapel in Malta; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Malta).

**RAYMOND E. UPTAIN** of Buhl, services at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**ROBERT S. HARKNESS** of Burley, services at 11 a.m. today at the Declo Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 9 to 10 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel at 321 E. Main St. in Burley.

**DEATH NOTICES** —

**JEWELL ELLEN DEPEW**  
JEROME — Jewell Ellen DePew, 89, of Jerome, died Monday, March 20, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**JUANITA COCHRAN**  
TWIN FALLS — Juanita Cochran, 75, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at Buhl.

## HOSPITALS

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names are not printed at patient's request.

Adults

**EDNA CHURCH**, Daniel Obenchain and Levi Billman, all of Twin Falls; Rollie Close of Murtough; and Carolyn Kirkpatrick of Kimberly.

Dismissals

**MARY JEAN BAKER**, James Olsen, Kenneth Trammell and Tyler Martinez, all of Twin Falls.

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names are omitted at patient's request.

Dismissals

**ANNIE POTTS**, Jeanne Mangum, Doris Lafferty and Bill Hutchison, all of Burley; Monica Hutchison of Heyburn; Leticia Avila and baby boy, of Paul; Robert Rieling of Declo; and Roland Slatter, Jaq Matson, Kathleen Miller, Jaylee McCulion and Mae Bubel, all of Rupert.

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### BUHL

**Charles C. Juker**

Charles Clarence Juker, 92, of Buhl, died Monday, March 20, 2000, at his home in Buhl.

Mr. Juker was born September 16, 1907, in Bowery, Nebraska, to Clem C. Juker and Mary Trotter. He moved to Idaho in 1924, locating in the Northwest area. He married Clara (Lorraine) Juker in 1928, and after living and farming in different areas, they moved to the farm where George and Dorothy Juker now live. He attended the Buhl Presbyterian Church, was the Grange Master of the Northwest Grange, a registered member of the Buhl Rodeo Association. There are not many more "original cowboys" left among us. Charlie loved cattle and horses. He took pride in his registered Quarter Horses and cattle. The work that he invested in his stock paid off in various awards and prizes in the 1930's '40s and '50s. His livestock took him from the Twin Falls County Fair to the Chicago International and the Pacific Coast Cutting Association in

from high school in Buhl. He married Nellie K. Woodward of Moran, Wyo., at Driggs on May 26, 1927. They resided in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for 10 years. In 1937, Nellie then acquired a ranch in Gunnison, Colo., and raised Hereford cattle. Ray missed Montana, and in 1951, they bought a cattle ranch on the Madison River near Declo, Idaho, which was sold in the fall of 1957. Ray and Nellie then purchased a small ranch and feedlot in Delta, Colo., that they operated until 1964. Ray then sold out in 1964, and moved back to Fairview, Colo., where he worked with his son on his ranch until 1968. He and Nellie were both weary of cold winters and headed due south in search of warmer pastures. They soon broke down in Hagerman, Idaho, and they decided to stay. They resided there for over 25 years, until declining health forced

him into the rest home in Gooding, where he passed away. Ray was an experienced gentleman and stockman. After suffering a heart attack in retirement, he decided retirement was going to kill him, so he took up fishing. He became an expert fisherman who truly loved to be outside and on the lakes of Idaho. He also loved to tie his own flies.

He is survived by his wife of almost 73 years, Nellie Crandall; his daughter, Betty Blach of Berryville, Ark.; five sons, Larry Crandall of Clifton, Ray Crandall of Fairfield, Robert Crandall of Thornton, Colo., and Donald Crandall of Carson City, Nev.; a sister, Vesta Alexander of Buhl; and a brother, Earl Crandall of Piney, Colo.

Ray was preceded in death by his brother Dick, and his sisters Chole Lamar, Marion and Mable.

Ray was a beloved and respected husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to countless nieces and nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity in Ray's name.

### GOODING

**Raymond M. Crandall**

Raymond M. Crandall, 93, of Gooding, Idaho, passed away March 18, 2000.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2000, at Driggs Cemetery in Driggs, Idaho. Friends and family are invited to join them for a reception in Jackson Hole, Wyo. that evening.

Ray was born September 21, 1906, at Driggs. He was one of eight children born to Frank Crandall and Esmilda Baxtor. He grew up in Driggs and graduated

# Ketchum residents will have to foot part of bill for new bridge

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — Property owners near the Broadway Bridge area will have to pony up as much as \$322 each for a new bridge. And visitors to Ketchum may soon be asked to pony up a few quarters to park.

The City Council on Monday directed staff to prepare an ordinance forming a local improvement district to help pay for the Broadway Bridge, which was closed last fall after it was deemed unsafe.

The city will pay 90 percent of the cost; each of the 90 property owners in the area will be asked to make up the difference on the bridge, which could cost up to \$30,000.

The decision was made after several property owners wrote letters protesting the formation of a local improvement district to share the costs.

Residents at Monday's council meeting expressed support for replacing the bridge with a simi-

lar 16-foot bridge that would allow emergency vehicular use but slow regular traffic. Residents will meet with council members and engineers at noon today to talk about bridge design.

Engineer Dick Fostbury said the best time to construct the bridge is after Labor Day when the river is low and the peak tourist season is over. It will take about 60 days to pre-manufacture bridge if everything goes smoothly, he said.

Also Monday, traffic consultant Darrell Wilburn told the council that two-hour parking spaces along streets in Ketchum's downtown should be converted to one-hour parking meters to maintain the current summer occupancy rate of 85 percent and accommodate growth. The area from East Avenue to Washington and Second to Fifth would be the initial area to be regulated with parking meters, he said.

Wilburn, commissioned to study parking in Ketchum last November, said that the excess on-street parking that now exists

will be absorbed long before the city core is built out. Town should also consider having employers provide parking for their employees and encouraging carpools, van pools and cycle use, he said.

In other action Monday, Ketchum artist Will Caldwell suggested that the council continue a revised version of "Ketch 'un Alive" last summer's series of musical performances with the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce and Ketchum merchants decided not to continue this summer.

Caldwell suggested having 10 concerts performed by local musicians with an emphasis on youth bands at Forest Service Park.

"Young people need a place to connect," he said. "And it would be good for the tourists, too. They could bring a picnic to the park and dance, have a good time."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

## Gooding to do some spring cleaning

By Alene Wilson  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — The city is getting ready to do some spring cleaning.

The spring cleanup is scheduled April 10-14. City crews will pick up shrubbery, yard clippings and other items at several sites. City Superintendent Todd Bunn said crews will not be picking up appliances but will schedule an appliance pickup later in the spring.

Other City Council business:

• Police Chief Paul Brown asked the council to declare three vehicles — 1979 Dodge pick-

### When they meet



up, a 1993 Lumina and a 1986 Chevy Caprice — as surplus property so they can be sold.

• Gooding Municipal Airport Manager Dale Thomas told the council the runway was repaired well on a recent FAA inspection.

• Bunn said the city has ordered a new sewer pump and

sewer plant for the sewer plant. He said he would try to have the old items repaired to be used as backups.

• The council approved the city's application for a Forest Service grant to pay for new playground equipment in East Park.

• The council will discuss replacing deteriorated sidewalks on 12th and 13th avenues at its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. April 3 at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Times-News correspondent Alene Wilson can be reached in Gooding at 934-5541.

## Hansen School District adds students

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

**HANSEN** — The Hansen School District is growing rapidly.

Superintendent Dennis Coulter told the School Board on Monday that a recent report showed the district had grown more than 10 percent.

According to the report, Hansen's enrollment grew to 417 in the fall of 1999, up from 377 the previous year — a 10.6 percent increase.

Other School Board business:

• The board approved a request from a group of students to hold a prayer group at the school on the condition the students hold the group before 8 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

### Attorney general might seek order to help schools

**BOISE** (AP) — The state's attorney general is expected to seek a court order in two weeks to require some school districts to redirect spending from educating students to solving health and safety problems posed by crumbling buildings.

The disclosure came as the third week of testimony began Tuesday in the trial on the suit by 15 school districts that the state has not fulfilled its constitutional responsibility to provide all students a safe environment conducive to learning.

State lawmakers continued looking for a plan to respond to the charges in hopes of heading off any court judgment that could hold the state directly liable for backlogged local school building needs.

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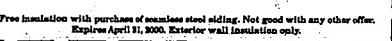
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## Canal road access causes some concern

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Landlocked county residents, whose only access to main roads that surround the canal roads, are finding out the hard way that canal companies have no obligation to keep those routes open.

R. B. Higgins, who lives just west of 550 E. 200 S., had his access to the closest main road blocked Friday when the Burley Irrigation District temporarily restricted traffic along the road while work was on the canal.

In the presence of BID officials, Higgins met with county commissioners this week to question the situation, and whether it poses a problem for emergency access.

Canal companies have no

obligation to keep those roads accessible to the public, said Roger Ling, the attorney representing the BID. The roads' primary purpose is canal maintenance, with all other uses "secondary," Ling said.

That means an area property owner cannot be guaranteed access. The BID also has the authority to close the road or fence off cattle if the need arises, Ling said.

The situation arises from a little-known law affecting people who see a prime piece of land for homesteading.

"I don't think there's an understanding among people in the county about what they're getting into," Commissioner Paul Christensen said.

A 1993 county ordinance was intended to address the problem.

It prohibits building projects that don't have built-in access to a public or private road.

A couple of problems with new subdivisions in the past have made the county more alert to the potential for future problems, building inspector Dan Barker said.

"Hopefully we won't have any new situations created, but we do have an awful lot of old situations," said Randy Bingham, the BID manager.

A property owner can force a right-of-way on the canal road, but such a right cannot make the BID's rights subservient to the property owner's rights, county attorney Stephen Bywater said.

Widening the canal road outside Higgins' property would be one solution, Ling said. Other

landowners along the canal would need to grant that right, however, and the highway district would be responsible for maintaining that half of the road, he said.

Unfortunately, there is not enough room alongside the canal road to fit Higgins' property for another lane, he said.

Christensen said he hoped people would learn from the situation now that the law has been brought into the open.

"The BID is doing business on that road, and there are going to be some inconveniences," he said.

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## Burley farmer takes part in national rally

By Thomas Mohring  
Times-News correspondent

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Turner says rural participants urged Congress to open the

Freedom of Farm Law to revamp federal farm and rural policies.

Tuesday, Turner and other members of the Idaho delegation with Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo and Rep. Mike Simpson.

At the main rally Tuesday, speakers urged Congress to open up the farm bill and reform rural policies to alleviate the price crisis, ensure fair and open markets and pursue fair trade.

"The purpose of the rally (was) to show Congress that we can no longer stay the course," Turner said. "With rural America has reaped the benefits of the strong economy, rural Americans are facing their toughest times in recent memory."

## Forest Service to release roadless document in May

*The Times-News*

**TWIN FALLS** — The U.S. Forest Service expects to publish in May a draft environmental impact statement on a proposal for protecting and managing the country's remaining roadless areas.

The document will be available as a 10- to 15-page summary or a two-volume set of about 400 pages that includes the summary proposed rules, appendices and maps.

Both will be available as printed copies on a compact disk or on the Internet at <http://www.fs.fed.us/roadless>.

Send orders for a disk or print-

ed copy to: Rocky Mountain Research Station, Publications Distribution, 240 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, Colo. 80526-2998. Orders may be faxed to 800-777-5805. Orders should specify summary or full document and compact disk or printed copy.

Copies of the document also will be available at county and municipal libraries and Forest Service offices nationwide.

The release will be followed by a month-long comment period and the agency then will develop a final rule in a final environmental impact statement.

## South Central District Board of Health to meet

*The Times-News*

2000 program will be reported to the board. The program aims to put dental clinics in schools, provide the valley, offering vouchers for free sealants to children who need them.

Plans for a Health Net Assets ceiling will also be presented to the board. As part of the program, a coalition of teens will be meeting April 28 at CSI to discuss health issues affecting them.

Today's meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at Minidoka Regional Medical Center. The meeting is open to the public.

## Cassia County commissioners oppose dam breaching in letter

*The Times-News*

**BURLEY** — In a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cassia County commissioners Monday voiced their official opposition to dam breaching, an option being considered among efforts to restore declining salmon runs.

The letter says the commission does not believe scientific evidence has proven the measure would save the salmon. In the meantime, breaching would be a "severe detriment to Idaho work-

ers and Idaho's economy."

"It would be a risky and radical solution," the letter said.

Local scientists maintain in dam breaching gives river Idaho salmon their best chance at recovery. Some Idahoans, including the state's political leadership, oppose breaching, saying federal agencies should pursue other salmon recovery options.

Federal officials are considering a range of salmon recovery options, including breaching four lower Snake River dams.

## Couple ends tree-planting odyssey in Oregon town

**JACKSONVILLE, Ore. (AP)** — It was only fitting that John and Joyce Jackson ended their long journey on the first day of spring.

The Texas residents have spent the last year planting trees in towns bearing their names. Oregon was the final stop in their cross-country tour, and they finished in style. The couple planted five trees in Jacksonville, which is in Jackson County. And Jackson Creek flows through this picturesque hamlet.

"The idea was to leave something behind that will survive the next century," said John Jackson, 50, an executive with a trucking firm in Houston. "We also like to travel. This gave us a reason to visit some places we wouldn't ordinarily get to."

Besides getting the chance to tour America, the couple hopes their efforts encourage others to plant more trees.

"We're not tree-planting experts, or environmentalists per-

son," he said. "This is just a way to express ourselves. We believe in trees."

The Jacksons started the project in 1991, annually planting five trees in five states. In the 11 states that had no Jackson town, they used a name member's first name. That took them to places like Joyce, Wash.; Stevens Village, Alaska; Roberts, Idaho; and Christine River, Del. The latter three were selected for their three grown children.

Not knowing the layout of the various towns, the couple relied on townfolk to decide where the trees should be planted.

In Pennsylvania, the town of Jackson was so small they had to plant the trees in someone's backyard.

The five trees planted Monday included a grand fir, western hemlock, mountain hemlock, red alder and white alder. During the ceremony, a flock of white homing pigeons was released.

## Lynx

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Cassia County Commissioner Dennis Crane said he will continue to play an instrumental role in important local issues if chosen for the next four-year term.

Crane, 50, announced Tuesday his Republican bid for the county's District 3 seat. Crane will finish his first two-year term.

"It is a job that has been challenging, educational and demanding," Crane said in a written statement.

The Mini-Cassia native and farmer has five children. He said

his accomplishments as commissioner include helping to create the county's Planning and Zoning Commission, maintaining good relationships with regional officials on behalf of local permittees, improving roads through his involvement with the Unorganized Road District Board and helping launch a local advisory committee for a project to pave the road between Connor and State.

The contractor has made every effort to complete the job as fast as they can," Gonzales said.

The crew waited over the winter for decent paving weather and this past week was finally able to

complete paving, Hansen said. But windows of opportunity to work are short. It can't be done during the summer when water is in the canal — from April 15 to November — and it can't be done during the winter when weather is bad.

"It's been a nightmare for weather," he said. "It was miserable."

Filling the roadway to grade was one problem because moisture and freezing slowed down the work.

To get the proper compaction you have to have the proper moisture in the material," he said. "We would just get it wet enough and then it would freeze on us."

Although the bridge has taken a long time to build, the project

has not gone over budget, Gonzales said. No additional contract items were added and the bridge was finished within the time the contract allowed, he said.

The crew will work this week to install guardrail and place pavement markers, Gonzales said.

The new bridge has a eight-foot-wide bike path on each side, a westbound travel lane, a turn lane in the center and an eastbound travel lane, Hansen said. Irrigation structures on both sides are being improved.

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**H**ere is a rundown of who has filed for Cassia County offices as of Tuesday afternoon:

- Mayor: Alfred E. Barrus (Republican), Stephen A. Bywater (Republican, Incumbent).

- Sheriff: George Warrell (Republican).

- District 1 Commissioner: Paul Christensen (Republican, Incumbent).

- District 3 Commissioner: Dennis Crane (Republican, Incumbent).

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Some biologists say that any winter activity that compacts snow allows coyotes and bobcats to compete with the lynx in areas of deep snow. Some studies have shown that fewer lynx kittens survive when other predators are in the area, Bumpus said.

Fish and Wildlife says it has no evidence that shows competition with other predators has affected lynx populations.

Crapo, however, thinks the consequences of the listing could rival that of listing Idaho salmon — a battle that has raged in the Northwest for eight years and has some officials talking seriously about breaching four federal dams in the lower Snake River.

In fact, absent the listing of the salmon, the listing of the lynx may have broader consequences than any of the other endangered species issues that we have faced in the Northwest, and that's because of the broad range of territory that the lynx cover," Crapo said.

Four species of Snake River salmon are listed as endangered. The lynx is listed as threatened, which means it is likely to become endangered through a significant portion of its range in the foreseeable future.

Environmentalists had hoped

the lynx would be declared endangered, which would have offered even greater protection.

The open trapping of lynx in Idaho ended in 1996. But it is unclear yet how the listing may affect hunters and trappers who inadvertently kill or trap lynx, said Chuck Harris, wildlife research biologist with Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Boise office.



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## COMICS

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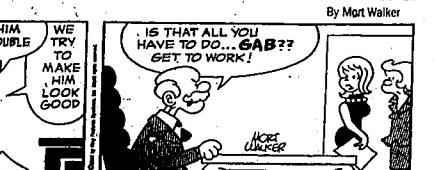
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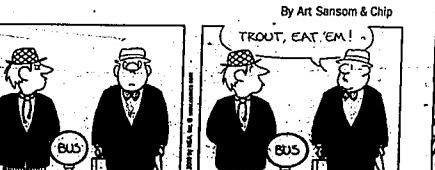
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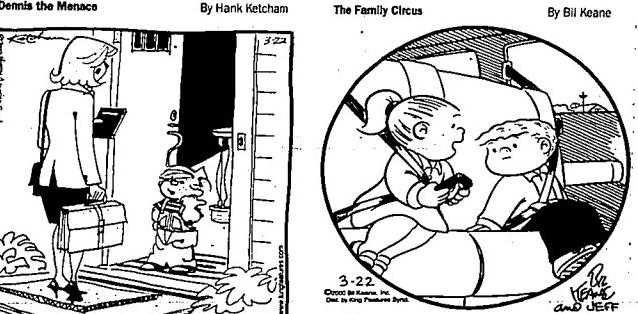
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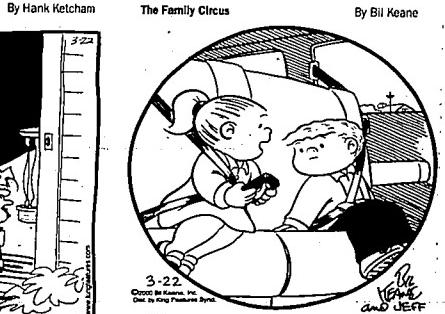
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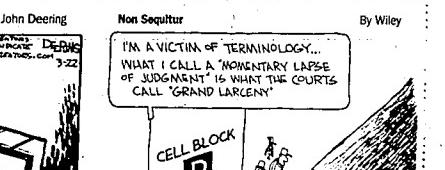
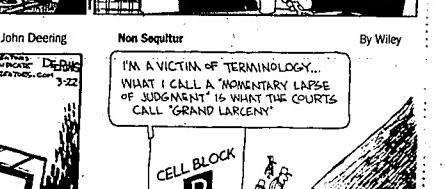
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## IDAHO

# HUD secretary brings large grants

**BOISE** — The federal government cannot afford to provide homes for every American, said Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo, although he still brought grants worth millions to help meet the need in southwestern Idaho.

Cuomo met with Mayor Brent Coles in a roundtable discussion Tuesday morning, then viewed efforts to improve the blighted downtown Street neighborhood near downtown Boise. Cuomo's assistants also reported what they glimpsed of housing during a day tour.

He said he came to listen to the locals' comments, not to announce edicts.

More than 70 million American families own their homes, more than any other time in the nation's history, HUD officials said. A revitalized Federal Housing Administration allows many low-income Americans to own a house.

The FHA does not make home loans directly but insures those made by private lenders.

The Clinton administration official announced a funding package to help the booming Magic Valley. It includes a \$1.8 million one-time grant for Boise to fund housing, homeless assistance, economic development and infrastructure improvements to serve low- and moderate-income families.

A \$357,000 grant goes to the Women's and Children's Alliance which provides domestic housing for women escaping domestic violence at home.

## Idaho in brief

**Proposal to outsource student population concerns parents**

**COEUR D'ALENE** — Several parents dislike a proposal to create new elementary school boundaries for elementary and middle school students because of the opening of the Coeur d'Alene School District's new elementary school in the fall.

More than 100 parents crowded Woodland Middle School's auditorium, concerned their children would be removed from their favorite schools. "We're solidly in the Sorenson family," said Tracy Sorenson, who has a son at Sorenson Elementary. "I don't know why it has to be broken in two."

Cassie Bray is the parent of a Bryan Elementary student. She presented a petition Monday signed by 115 parents who also do not want their children removed from Bryan.

A committee formed by the school district is proposing the new school boundaries. Skyway Elementary's opening has the district planning to shift populations at other schools to even out class size.

**Bingham County deputy clerks settle tort claims**

**BLACKFOOT** — Two of three Bingham County deputy clerks have settled tort claims against the county and County Clerk Judie Hampton.

Cheryl Robertson and Pat Freeman dropped \$10,000 dam-

age claims that Hampton had harassed them and created a hostile work environment.

In a statement, Hampton said the settlement includes reasonable attorney's fees and job transfers. She said it "settles all disputes and claims against each other and may not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of either party."

The third employee, Donna Capson returned as a courthouse switchboard operator this week after being on paid leave since filing her claim in late February. She has declined to settle with Hampton and the county.

**Caldwell woman accuses Nampa police of brutality**

**NAMPA** — The mother of a man arrested by police officers has filed a formal complaint that excessive force was used against her son. Police maintain the suspect resisted arrest when they tracked him down after responding to a report that he was brandishing a shotgun in a public place, particularly.

Mary Simms of Caldwell alleged that officers repeatedly kicked and hit her son Ronald Simms, 23, when he was arrested last Friday night.

Nampa Police Chief Alan Creech said the department will investigate the complaint but it appears the officers struck blows designed to hit nerve endings in Simms' legs and upper chest in an effort to subdue him.

Simms says the officers should be fired.

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#### CHOOSING THE SITE

Firs, soil should be fertile, deep and well-drained. Request a soil analysis by a local agricultural agency or extension service. There is usually a modest fee for this service.

Soil lacking in organic content should be augmented with manure or rich compost. You can add depth to the soil by double-digging — the top is dug to a depth of two spades in preparation for cultivation. If necessary, build raised beds to encourage drainage.

Hillsides are best avoided, because the slope will cause water and rich topsoil to run off. If you have nothing but hilly property to work with, the best solution is to hire a landscaper to terrace the garden; this means using digging and filling techniques to create a level grade.

To choose a spot near a water source. Above all, pick a sunny location. If your garden doesn't get at least six hours of full sun a day, your harvest will be minimal.

#### PLANNING THE DESIGN

For inspiration, study photos of classic French kitchen gardens, Italian villas, and English walled gardens. The philosophy behind these gardens is to make them beautiful as well as functional with a symmetrical pattern of beds divided by pathways. Divided beds emphasize the beauty of the individual plants and help you keep your crops separate so you can give each the attention it needs.

Take a walk around the garden site from various angles, and enlarge them so the details are clear. You can tape pictures together to create a panoramic view of the site, then lay tracing paper over the images and sketch out your ideas. Think in three-dimensional terms, and decide where you want architectural features, such as fences, gates and pole-bean trellises, as well as the planting rows, beds and pathways. Make notes about where and when you plan to grow your property — at what times of day and year. When you're happy with the design, draw it to scale on graph paper.

Then translate your design to the actual garden. To do this, you'll need wooden stakes, string and a tape measure. You can also plot out the design with garden lime, which makes the lines easier to see from a distance. A carpenter's square will help with corners for circular beds, use a string tied to a center stake as a makeshift compass.

Before planting, fence off the entire garden area; this creates a tidy, enclosed feeling and keeps animals from eating the produce. Chicken wire works well.

#### WHAT TO PLANT?

For winter seed catalogs, and those who want to know what you like to eat as well as how well they will perform in your garden. Look for vegetables that aren't available in your local market. Experiment with a few unfamiliar varieties, and consider aesthetics as well.

Colorful ruby chard is a bright complement to lush green foliage, as are colorful onions, such as nascino and calabrese.

Timing is vital. Keep a garden notebook; complete with dates for when each variety should be planted and harvested.

Depending on your climate, you may need to start some seeds indoors; others can be sown directly in the garden. If you get a late start, buy seedlings from your local nursery and catch up.

As you begin your first crops, a few disappointments will be inevitable. You may find that some plants were overcrowded, some suffered in the heat or others didn't get enough sun. Make a note, and adjust for the following season.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Group, 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Or visit The Times-News Online's NewsLink page to contact Martha Stewart by email.



Barbara Higgins of Twin Falls has subscribed to Taste of Home magazine since 1995.

BRUCE SHILLER/The Times-News

# Country cooking

## Woman will look for new recipes at homemaker school

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A longtime fan of Taste of Home magazine, Barbara Higgins is going to be the "Taste of Home" homemaker school on March 28 in the Roper Auditorium.

Like other good cooks, she's always looking for new recipes.

Higgins grew up on a large dry land wheat farm in Eastern Oregon during the 1940s. Although the farm employed a full-time cook, Higgins, the oldest of five children, helped with the chores on the farm. That included feeding 35 hired hands all

summer.

There was a cook shack and a dining hall. The work crew was fed hot meals in the dining hall for breakfast and dinner, but lunch was delivered in the fields. Lunch usually consisted of a hot dish, homemade bread, cookies, pie and a drink.

Higgins' grandfather, a "stern taskmaster," insisted the food served on his farm, be the best in the state. Apple pie and oatmeal cookies were on the table every meal.

Higgins has lived in Twin Falls for 35 years and has four grown children and a grown grandson. She said she loves to cook and

enjoys hosting family dinners at holidays.

She wishes her family lived closer — two of her children are in California, one is in Salt Lake City and one is in Boise. Her mother lives in Portland and visits a couple of times a year.

Higgins is a retired insurance agent. Her husband, Jim, also retired, was owner/operator of Standard Printing for many years.

Higgins particularly likes this spaghetti recipe that she gleaned from Taste of Home, because it can be made up to a day ahead. Like most spaghetti dishes, she said, it tastes better when warmed over.

**CONFETTI SPAGHETTI**  
(12 servings)

1 package (12 ounces) spaghetti

1 1/2 pounds ground beef  
1 medium green pepper, chopped  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 can (14 1/2 ounce) diced tomatoes, undrained

1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon chili pepper

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Take spaghetti according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef, green pepper and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce, brown sugar, salt, chili

powder, pepper, garlic powder and cayenne. Drain spaghetti; add to the beef mixture. Transfer to a greased 13-by-9- by-2-inch baking dish. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle with cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.

This recipe is also from Taste of Home.

#### HERBED OATMEAL PAN BREAD

(Serves 10)  
1 1/2 cups boiling water  
1 cup old-fashioned oats  
2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast  
1/2 cup warm water (110 to 115 degrees)  
1/4 cup sugar

Please see COOKING, Page C7

## What's new in flower-arranging trends?

### Styles have a way of changing

Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center

Flower trends can come and go almost as fast as trends in the fashion world. Different "looks" go in and out of style. Particular styles get hot — while others cool down.

To find out what's new in floral and flower-arranging trends, the Dutch are a good place to start. More flowers come from — and pass through — Holland than any other country in the world.

"Trends start in many pockets of the world — but the best ones tend to sweep the globe," says Mieke Stap, a floral design expert at the International Flower Bulb Center in Hillegom, the Netherlands.

Following is Stap's list of top floral style trends to watch for during the spring-blooming season when bulb flowers such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, lilies, Star of Bethlehem (ornithogalum), Persian buttercups (ranunculus) and grape hyacinths (muscari) are at peak availability.

\* Single color concepts — A hot trend in Europe and espoused here by such floral arbiters as Martha Stewart, the monochromatic look achieves a special high-



Just for fun, try arranging parrot tulips INSIDE a clear glass vase. With their exotic ruffled petals, parrot tulips look exquisite displayed "under glass" in these "outside-in" arrangements — as if in a jeweler's case. The design looks best with just a little water, but add more water daily, as tulips are thirsty flowers.

ness" by repeating one color in mixes of all-the-same kind of flowers or various types of flowers in closely related hues.

Arrangements are often densely packed with flowers.

\* Outside-in arrangements — Here, both the stems and the

flowers appear totally inside clear vases, so the flowers appear "under glass" as if in a jeweler's or museum case. The vase envelopes the flowers completely, with the flower tops aligned near the upper rim of the vase. Water is kept low and topped off regularly.

\* Repeat performances — This is a style designed to show off the singular shapes of particular flowers. Groups of identical containers are forced, such holding one perfect flower. How many containers? Anything goes — more than three and as many as you choose. Continuity creates unity.

\* Low-slung and topsy-turvy — With appealing results, trend-setting designers are choosing to flip-flop the traditional design formula of one-third vase topped by two-thirds stems and flowers. The new topsy-turvy look is bottom heavy, the vase occupying the lower two-thirds of the arrangement, and the flower just creasing over the top.

\* Unearthed for all to see — One fun trend in Europe now making its way "across the pond" is to display spring-blooming bulb flowers such as tulips, hyacinths or amaryllis as complete units with the flower and stem still attached to the bulb and roots. The effect is reminiscent of historic botanical drawings. Bulbs and flowers can be displayed inside a vase balanced among stones and moss (using the outside-in technique).

Another design idea groups the bulb flowers standing upright in a small circle with the stems tied just below the flower. In clear case, water is provided at the root level. To do this at home, purchase potted bulb plants, gently remove the pot, rinse off the soil and arrange.

\* A different twist — Designers with deft hands have adapted hand-tied bouquets, in which stems are carefully angled in a spiraling fashion, to create free-standing arrangements that stand on their own. Plants or books of water. While it's true that the flowers are standing upright without support, the water and stems provide just enough oomph to hold the flowers up.

\* Sticks and stones — Adding structural elements from nature to floral arrangements is a continuing trend. The seashells of three years ago are waning, but sticks and berries and interesting leaves of all sorts are favorite ways to augment flowers with character-building color and texture.

Flowers can easily adopt multiple personalities. How we arrange them can be as simple as trimming the stems and dropping them into a vase or as adventurous as threading them through a screen to make a wall divider or living display.

With flowers, whatever one is just the right style.

## FOOD &amp; HOME

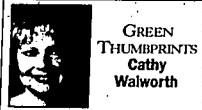
## Nature keeps weather watchers on their toes

Nothing crashes the party quite like the first day of spring. We've been romanced by mild days and cool nights, even got a little sunburst or two in the last couple of weeks. The ground is thawed and dried enough to dig most places. Some of the farmers were seen zipping around on tractors. Then it snowed. And blew.

And the worst part is that Mother Nature will keep us guessing for at least another six weeks.

Is it time to prune the roses? I can't predict the weather any better than you, but I can pass along what the old timers say. "Prune the roses when the forsythia blooms."

**DEAR CATHY:** We are new to the area and have a lot to learn about gardening. I don't want to jump the gun and have to do everything over again. What do the seed packets mean when they say "plant when the ground can be worked?" Does that



GREEN  
THUMPREINTS  
Cathy  
Walworth

mean whenever it is not frozen and is dry enough to handle? Or does it mean when it is warm and ready to be worked?

—NEW SPROUT

**DEAR SPROUT:** You are not the only ones confused by seed packet advice. It does sound like you're reading from a cool season crop, such as peas, so I'll say they mean now. For a lot of people. That means if you have the predominately sandy/silty soil that dries out quickly, you just have to poke around between storms to see if your soil can be worked without it sticking to the shovel. The soil is too wet if you pick up a handful and squeeze, then open your hand to a perfect

imprint of your fist. If the soil falls away from your fingers, it's dry enough.

Until you learn when your soil is warm, you can do one of two things. Watch your neighbor, or get a soil thermometer. Neighbors who have been planting in the area for a long time are worth listening to, though. And most are flattered to be asked their advice. Soil thermometers will tell you when the soil is 55 degrees and it's time to plant anything you want! Good luck, and thanks for writing.

**TIP OF THE WEEK:** Are you trying to get your annual flower garden underway? Pick the flowers that are easiest: cosmos, gazania, Daybreak, French marigolds (such as Bonanza and Zinnias (Dasher and Dreamland are good choices). And, to help them sprout faster, try soaking the seeds in warm water for a day or two. That sounds good on paper, but the warm water cools off,

think about how you normally keep hot liquids hot and cold liquids cold — a thermos! Put the seeds in a thermos bottle and add the warm water. (A wide-mouth thermos will make it easier to retrieve all the seeds.) After a day or so, slowly pour out the sprouted seeds onto a paper towel. Handle them gently while you transfer them to the potting soil. Happy gardening.

**NOTE:** An alert reader said she was told that dryer lint kills baby birds because once it gets wet, it stays wet — and cold. Makes sense. Thanks to Joanne from Pocatello for that tip!

**What's bugging your garden?**  
Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: ctwro@cyberhighway.net.

## At home with Italian cooking

By Raeanne Saracen  
Chicago Tribune

In the rush of daily living, many of us have given up on life's simple pleasures. The comfort of homemade soup. The smell of garlic sauteeing in olive oil. The way a just-peeled orange can take you somewhere peace.

But how, you ask, can these simple pleasures be, well, simple? My Italian-American mother-in-law has a solution. She can make a delicious something from nothing in less than an hour, while relying on a conversation with several people.

Her secrets: a well-stocked pantry, easy recipes and exceptional organization.

Her pantry holds the basics: olive oil, garlic, dried pasta, jars of plain or marinated vegetables, canned beans and canned broth. When several of her recipes use the same ingredient, such as garlic, she chops it all at once and then portions the amount she needs for each dish.

**SPAGHETTI WITH GARLIC AND OLIVE OIL**

Yield: 6 servings

1 pound spaghetti

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
6 garlic cloves, minced  
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1/2 cup chopped Italian flat-leaf parsley  
Grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Heat large pot of salted water to boil; add spaghetti. Cook until al dente, about 10 minutes. Heat oil over medium-low heat in large sautepan. Add garlic; cook, stirring, about 1 minute. Add escarole; saute just until leaves are wilted, 3-4 minutes. Add broth, beans and salt; simmer, covered, about 10 minutes. Stir in cheese. Ladle soup into bowls.

## ROASTED RED PEPPER AND MOZZARELLA SALAD

Yield: 4 servings

8 large lettuce leaves  
1 jar (7 ounces) roasted red peppers, cut into strips

1/2 pound fresh, small mozzarella balls

Balsamic vinegar, extra-virgin olive oil

Salt, freshly ground pepper

Arrange 2 lettuce leaves on each of 4 plates. Arrange peppers and mozzarella on top of lettuce. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar and olive oil to taste.

Add salt and pepper to taste.

**ESCAROLE AND BEAN SOUP**

Yield: 4 servings

3 tablespoons olive oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 medium head escarole, coarsely chopped

2 cans (14.5 ounces each) vegetable or chicken broth

1 can (19 ounces) cannellini beans, drained

1/4 teaspoon salt or to taste

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# Block houses are efficient, strong

**DEAR JIM:** We are planning a new house and we want to do some of the work ourselves to lower costs. It must be super-efficient and strong to resist tornadoes. What do you think of Legos-type concrete/foam block houses?

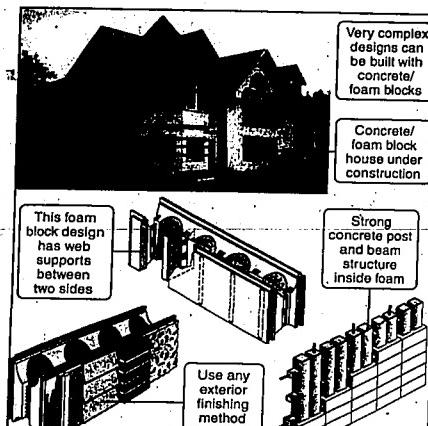
-PAUL K.

**DEAR PAUL:** Concrete/foam block house construction is one of the best new house construction methods available. It produces super-efficient air-tight walls with insulation values up to R-38 and can resist tornado- and hurricane-force winds up to 150 mph. The finished house looks like any other.

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The "Legos-type" construction is only one of many concrete/foam block methods. In all the variations of this construction method, the resulting wall is a monolithic concrete never integrated with rigid foam insulation. The reinforced concrete pro-



vides its own strength.

Basically, the wall is constructed of large hollow lightweight (5 to 10 pounds) foam blocks, similar to common foam coolers. You just stack up the interlocking foam blocks to make the wall. Since the blocks are so easy to handle and assemble, you can

help with this portion to lower labor costs.

Once the walls are completely stacked, reinforcing steel rods are slipped inside the hollow blocks. A concrete truck, with a pump attachment, pumps the concrete into the openings at the top of the wall.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 507 - list of 18 manufacturers of concreted foam blocks, sizes, R-values, prices and description details. Please include \$3 and a business-size CASE.

Write to James Dulleay, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## Remember Joe when going light

The Seattle Times

The following is a light recipe.

**JOE'S SPECIAL**

4 servings  
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed  
1/2 cup canola oil  
1 pound lean ground chicken or turkey  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1 medium clove garlic, peeled and minced  
6 medium-size white or cremini mushrooms, wiped clean, thinly sliced  
1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 cup egg substitute

1 plum tomato, cored, seeded and finely diced  
3/4 to 1 teaspoon hot sauce  
1/3 cup coarsely shredded low-fat mozzarella

When the spinach has thawed, press it between your hands and squeeze out the excess moisture. Break it up with your fingers and put onto a paper towel-lined plate.

In a 9 to 10-inch nonstick skillet, heat the oil over medium heat. When the oil is hot, add the ground chicken, breaking it up with a spatula. Continue to break it up as it's cooking. When the chicken is almost done, add the onion and garlic. Cook 5 minutes. Then add the mushrooms, oregano, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper. Stir until the mushrooms have softened and cooked, about 3 to 4 minutes.

Stir in the spinach and egg substitute. Turn the mixture with a spoon until the eggs start to set up. Stir in the tomato, season with hot sauce. Let the tomato warm through, about 1 minute. Sprinkle with mozzarella and serve.

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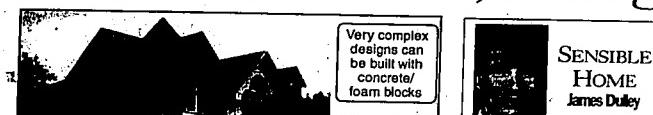
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## FOOD &amp; HOME

## Easter Bunny bread makes a nice gift

By Linda Cicero  
The Miami Herald

Doris Betz asked if anyone could help her find a recipe for Easter Bunny bread, which she remembered as "nice bread to serve at home or to give as gifts." Miami Herald Food Editor Kathy Martin remembered making these once when her children were small, and found the recipe in her recipe box. These are fun and delicious; being cinnamon lovers, we added a dash of ground cinnamon to the honey glaze.

**HONEY BUNNIES**

4 1/2 to 5 cups all-purpose flour

2 envelopes dry yeast

1 teaspoon salt

2 1/3 cup evaporated milk

1/2 cup water

1/2 cup honey

2 eggs at room temperature

Vegetable oil spray

Raisins

Honey Glaze:

1/2 cup honey

1/4 cup butter

1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)

In a large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups of flour, Honey, dissolved yeast and salt. Heat evaporated milk, water, honey and butter until very warm (about 120 degrees). Butter does not need to melt completely. Gradually add to the dry ingredients, beating on low speed. Increase speed to medium; beat 2 minutes, scraping bowl often. Add remaining 3 1/2 cups flour. Beat 2 minutes at high speed, scraping bowl occasionally. Stir in enough additional flour to make a stiff batter that pulls away from the sides of the bowl. Place in bowl coated with vegetable oil; turn so spray top of dough. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 to 24 hours.

On a lightly floured surface, divide dough into 15 pieces. Roll each to a 20-inch rope. To make bunnies, divide each rope into one 12-inch, one 5-inch and three 1-inch strips. Coil 12-inch strip to make body; coil 5-inch strip to make ears, and remaining 3 strips into ears and tail to attach to body and head. Place bunnies on baking sheets coated with vegetable oil spray. Cover and let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, 20 to 25 minutes.

Bake at 375 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes, until golden brown. Make a small slit in the center of each bunny and spoon the 1/2 cup honey with 1/4 cup water over low heat until melted. Stir in cinnamon. Brush bunnies with honey glaze while still warm. Decorate with raisins for eyes. Brush again with glaze before serving, if desired. Makes 15 bunnies.

**QUESTION:** I would appreciate it if you readers could supply me with the recipe for strawberry pie that was served at Tyler's Restaurant sometime in the 1950s or '60s. I believe the restaurant was in Allapattah in Miami.

**ANSWER:** Well hope someone with ties to the old Tyler's can provide the answer. In the meantime, here's my absolute favorite strawberry pie, from Testa's in Palm Beach. The recipe is 70-plus years old, and for strawberry lovers is a double dose of intense flavor. Keep in mind that this will not produce perfect slices that stand up prettily. The filling oozes in a drift, cascading mass that swirls with the cold whipped cream. And yes, you must serve it immediately or you lose the contrast of hot and cold!

**TESTA'S FAMOUS STRAWBERRY PIE**  
1 quart of fresh strawberries, rinsed and hulled  
3 teaspoons cornstarch  
1 cup sugar  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter

1 drop red food coloring  
1 baked 9- or 10-inch pie shell, cooled

Freshly whipped cream

Reserve half berries in their skins. Cook the other half with 1 cup water for 5 minutes over medium-high heat. Stir the sugar and cornstarch together and add to the boiled berries. Reduce heat to low. Stir in the butter and food coloring. Cook 25 minutes more. Arrange the cold berries in the baked pie shell. Pour the whipped cream over the raw berries. Top with fresh whipped cream and serve immediately. Do not refrigerate the pie. Makes 8 servings.

**QUESTION:** Many years ago I had a recipe for a chicken dish that called for chunky peanut butter, honey, lemon juice and some type of spice seasoning, possibly crushed red pepper. The chicken was split, coated with the peanut butter mixture and broiled. I would love to make this dish again.

**A:** I was unable to come up with a recipe exactly as you described, but I think one of our readers will. In the meantime, here's an interesting dish on the same theme, from my much-used "Family Circle Great Chicken Recipes." To make the recipe more like the one you describe, add crushed red pepper to taste along with the curry powder and instead of plain water, add diluted lemon juice to the sauce.

**AFRICAN CHICKEN**

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2 teaspoons salt



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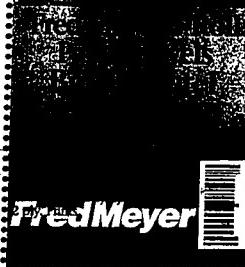
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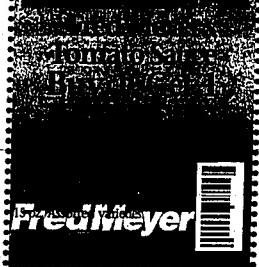
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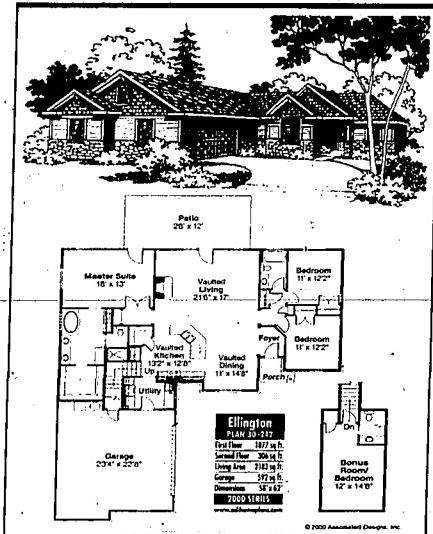
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## Visionaries hail channel streaming

*Knight Ridder News Service*

A stream of good TV shows: Forget channel surfing. Channel streaming is the answer to 200-channel TV with nothing on that you want to watch, high-tech visionaries say. "In the future, everybody is thinking about streaming," said the head of a Japanese film distribution and

production company. Streaming, or digital video transmission, lets you download TV-like video from the Internet and watch it on your home computer.

Industry watchers say a world with thousands of movies waiting in cyberspace to be downloaded at lightning speed could be here in three to five years.

## It might be best to leave asbestos siding on

Q. Our house has asbestos siding, and we want to have vinyl siding installed. Is it better to leave the asbestos shingles in place or have them removed? I have heard many different opinions and want to do the correct thing, regardless of cost.

A. There are good arguments on both sides of this issue. The general policy of the Environmental Protection Agency about asbestos in the home is that it is best left alone if it is in good condition, because asbestos is a health hazard only if particles are inhaled. The asbestos in siding shingles is locked in place unless the shingles are crumpling or are broken up by removal or other disturbances such as drilling or sawing. The Vinyl Siding Institute, a trade group in Washington, recommends that asbestos siding be left in place when residing, but says the siding should be covered with sheathing such as plywood or rigid insulation panels (check with local building-code officials for any special requirements). The vinyl siding is then installed over the sheathing, which serves to smooth the wall and keep any broken asbestos shingles from marring the finished exterior. This system is a form of encapsulation, which is one of the methods of protecting against asbestos without removing it.

On the other side of the issue is the widespread fear of asbestos. If the asbestos is left in place and you try to sell the house, you might have to disclose its presence to would-be buyers under today's full-disclosure policies covering housing sales. Even though asbestos is harmless if left alone, it could be a negative factor in the sale.

If you decide to have the siding removed, be sure to select a contractor who is skilled in the safe removal and disposal of asbestos. Again, you should check with building-code officials to see whether there are special requirements.

I also recommend reading "Asbestos in Your Home - A Homeowner's Guide", prepared by the American Lung Association, EPA, and Consumer Product Safety Commission. You can read it online at <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/abestos.html> or get a free copy by calling EPA at 1-800-490-9198.

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Q. Our concrete driveway has gaps between the sections that are filled with a black material. The black stuff is drying up and the gaps are filling with weeds. Is there a way to fix this, but what would it cost?

A. The gaps are expansion joints that help keep the concrete from cracking when it expands and contracts during severe temperature changes. Normally, these gaps are filled with a flexible material that is much like fiberboard. If the original material is becoming unsightly, here's what to do:

• Pull the weeds you can and kill the rest with one of the weed-killing herbicides sold at garden centers and home centers. Use a chisel to cut back the old filler to a depth of at least inch. Refill the gap with one of the asphalt crack fillers sold at most home centers. These fillers are sold in jugs, caulking-gun cartridges, and cans. You will be able to do the

renter job with a jug (make sure it has a nozzle for precise pouring) or a caulk. Try to avoid getting any of the crack filler on the concrete, because the stains are extremely difficult to remove.

You will need to do the work on a warm day, because asphalt

crack filler does not flow well when it is cold. Consult the directions on the container for more information.

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3 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened  
2 teaspoons salt  
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Topping:  
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted and divided  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
1/2 teaspoon dried basil  
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
In a small bowl, combine boiling water and oats; cool to 110 to 115 degrees. In a mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add sugar, butter, salt, egg, oat mixture and 2 cups flour; beat until smooth. Add enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto a floured board; knead until smooth and elastic. About 6 to 8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until double, about 30 minutes. Punch dough down and press evenly into a greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. With a very sharp knife cut diagonal lines 1 1/2 inches apart, completely through the dough. Repeat in opposite direction, creating a diamond pattern. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Redefine pattern by gently poking along the cut lines with knife tip. Brush with 2 tablespoons melted butter. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine Parmesan cheese, basil, oregano, and garlic powder. Brush bread with remaining butter; sprinkle with cheese mixture. Bake for 5 minutes.

utes. Loosely cover with foil and bake 5 minutes longer. Serve warm.

**MOM'S FAVORITE PIE**

Lemon Pie  
1/2 cup water  
7/8 cup cornstarch  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 1/4 cups water  
3 egg yolks slightly beaten  
1 or 2 lemons (grated rind and juice)

1 tablespoon butter

Mix 1/2 cup water and cornstarch to a thin paste. Combine 1 1/2 cups water and sugar in top of a double-boiler and bring to a boil. Add cornstarch paste and cook over direct heat until mixture begins to thicken. Return to double boiler and continue cooking till thick and smooth (about 15 minutes). Pour over slightly beaten egg yolks, return to double boiler and cook one minute longer. Add lemon rind and juice and butter and blend well. Cool and pour into pie shell.

Top with meringue made of 3



egg whites, 9 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.

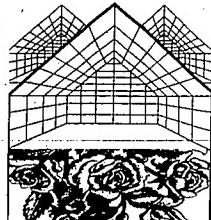
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**VIRGINIA BRUNSWICK STEW**

(Serves 6 to 8)  
1 whole chicken, cut up (if you are in a hurry use skinned boneless chicken)  
1 onion, quartered or chopped  
2 ribs celery, diced

1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
16 1/2 ounces white shoepeg corn, frozen or canned  
10 ounces frozen small buttered beans (lima beans)  
16 ounce can tomatoes  
2 small potatoes, cubed  
1/3 cup ketchup  
2 to 3 tablespoons vinegar  
1 teaspoon brown sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

1/4 teaspoon marjoram  
2 to 3 tablespoons butter  
Put chicken in big pot and add enough water to cover it. Add onion, celery, salt and pepper. Boil until chicken is very tender, almost falling off the bones. Remove chicken to cool (make sure no bones are left in the broth). Add to broth the corn, beans, tomatoes, potatoes, ketchup, vinegar and brown sugar. Cook 2 hours or until tender. Remove chicken meat from

the bones, cup up and add to the vegetables along with marjoram and butter. Serve with cornbread or corn muffins.

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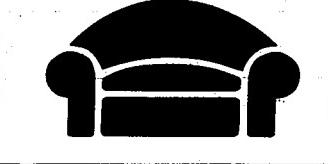
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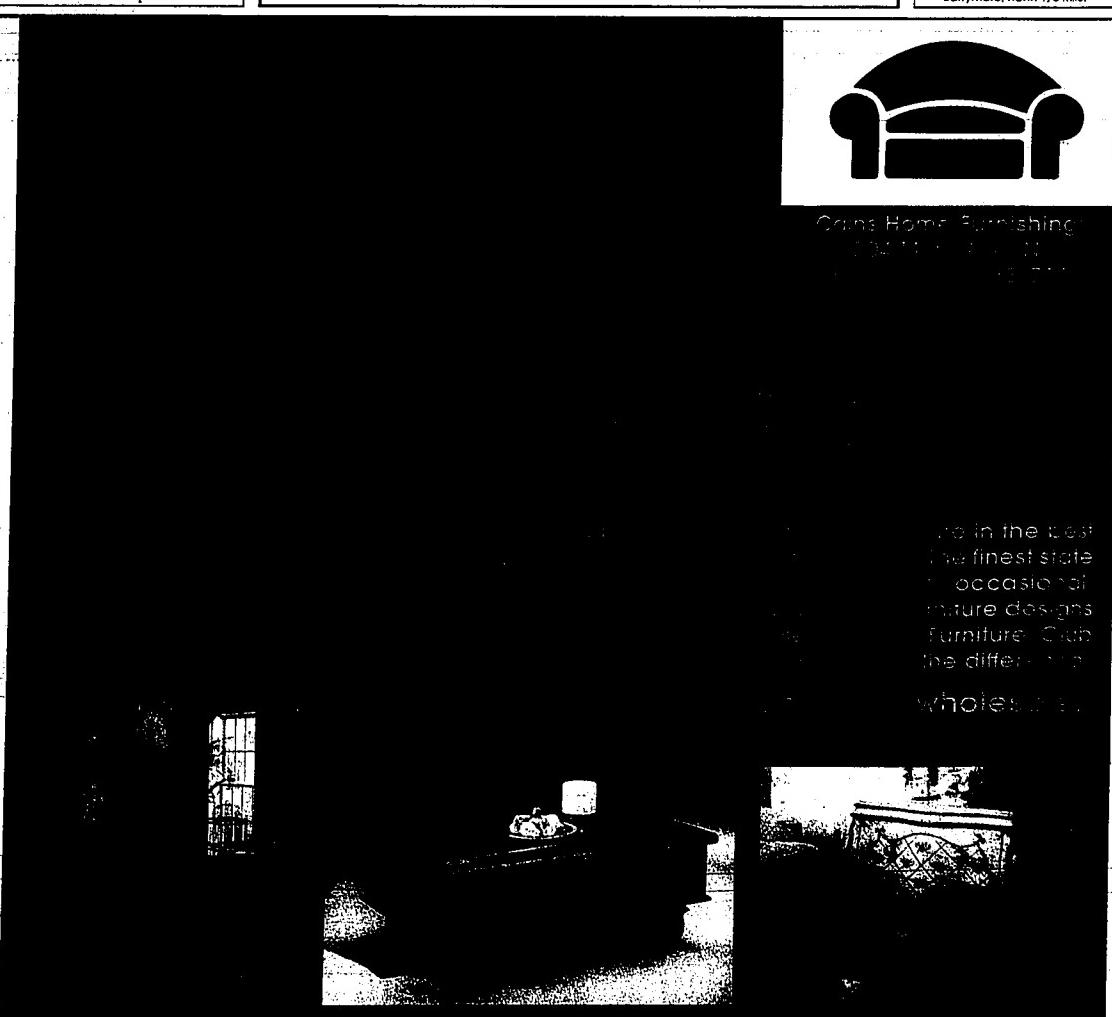
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"... You know what? My kid might be the opening day pitcher in that new stadium the way things are going."

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-Philadelphia Phillies pitching ace Curt Schilling, on the club's slow pursuit of a new ballpark to replace aging Veterans Stadium

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### High school softball

Wood River at Jerome, 4 p.m.  
American Falls at Kimberly, 3:30 p.m.

#### High school baseball

American Falls at Kimberly, 3:30 p.m.

#### High school tennis

Jerome at Idaho Falls, 3:30 p.m.  
Mountain Home at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Accident injures three ISU athletes

POCATELLO - Three Idaho State University freshman track and field athletes were injured Sunday when the van they were riding in hit black ice, overturned and rolled near the junction of Interstate 84 and 86.

The three athletes, Ricci Kilgore, Paul Litchfield and Nick Herald, were returning to ISU from Reno, Nev.

Kilgore, a pole-vaulter, suffered a broken back when she was thrown from the vehicle and is listed in stable condition at Washoe Medical Center in Reno. She currently has no feeling from her knees down and had surgery on Tuesday.

Litchfield, who was driving, and Herald did not require medical attention.

#### Register online for local tennis tournament

TWIN FALLS - Registrations are now being accepted for next month's weeklong Windermere Combined NTRP doubles tennis tournament April 9-16.

Entry deadline for the tournament is Monday, April 3 and registrations can be made up at the TMCA, Elevator Sports, 101 Franklin. Fees are \$15 for Twin Falls Tennis Association members, \$20 for non-members. High school tennis players are ineligible to participate.

Players can also register online at [www.twinstaffta.com](http://www.twinstaffta.com).

For more information, call Robin Barton at 733-1694 after 6 p.m.

#### Sign-ups begin for Minidoka Babe Ruth

RUPERT - Registration for the Minidoka Babe Ruth Baseball League will begin March 30 at the Minidoka and West Minidoka Junior High Schools. The league is open to players ages 13-15. The cost is \$40, or \$44 with a fitted hat. Registration forms can be picked up at both schools. For more information, call 438-5541 or 436-3326.

#### TF Mum Ladies set Style Show for March 30

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Mum Ladies Style Show will be held March 30 at the clubhouse.

Drinks will be served at a no host bar beginning at 6:30 p.m. A salad and sandwich meal will be served along with dessert, coffee, pop and wine beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10.00. The style show begins at 8 p.m. The association invites all interested ladies to see the latest in golf fashions and have a great time.

Please make reservations, call Mum at 733-3326 no later than March 27.

Golf Association dues are due now as well - \$20 for Mum dues and \$20 for IGA handicap dues, making a total of \$40. For further information, contact Carole Kasek at 733-1503.

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Section D

## NCAA tournaments are twice as nice for five schools

The Associated Press

The sound of "Rocky Top" once again is blaring at Tennessee games in the NCAA tournament. Except this year, it's been played twice as often because the men are finally keeping up with the women.

Tennessee is one of five schools

and women's teams are still playing. Duke, North Carolina, Louisiana State and Iowa State are the other members of the fortunate five.

The joint appearances are a boon for the schools in terms of exposure and revenue, though it doubles the workload for athletic department officials who must deal with tickets, the media and travel. And it forces fans to make a choice: which regional to attend?

Or maybe, they just stay home and watch both teams on television.

For some, it's happened before.

Both Duke teams made the Final Four last year. For others, it's a moment to savor.

"It's truly amazing," Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said. "They say this is a once-in-a-lifetime thing. This is a never-in-a-lifetime thing, the year we both had, and the success of both teams."

That's also true at Tennessee, where the men's team made the regional semifinals for the first time since 1981, the year before the first NCAA women's tournament. The women have been to the round of 16 every year — and have won six national champion-

### NCAA Men's Tournament

#### Regional Semifinals

Thursday

Friday

Midwest

Michigan State (2B-7) vs. Syracuse (2B-8), 5:38 p.m.

Iowa State (31-4) vs. UConn (21-11), 7:55 p.m.

West

Georgia (26-8) vs. Purdue (23-9), 5:55 p.m.

Wisconsin (20-13) vs. LSU (26-8), 8:15 p.m.

South

Tulsa (31-4) vs. Miami (Ra. (23-10), 5:55 p.m.

North Carolina (20-13) vs. Tennessee (26-6), 8:15 p.m.

entire allotment of 1,250 tickets for the game against North Carolina in the South Regional

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### HAVE A BALL



LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News

Buhl senior Tiffany Ordonez throws a pitch during a match-up against the Filer Wildcats Tuesday afternoon at the Filer softball field. Buhl won the game 21-11 as Ordonez took the win.

## Nearly half of all MLB players topped \$1 million

The Associated Press

(59,308,667).

"Figures include all salaries and earned bonuses, plus prorated shares of signing bonuses and other guaranteed income. Figures usually are finalized in December, but calculations were delayed this year, primarily due to players who signed extensions during the 1999 season."

At the other end, 15.8 percent of players, 145 in all, made the minimum \$200,000, up from 14.1 percent in 1998 and 13.0 percent in 1997. The Minnesota Twins had the lowest amount of any team.

The salary calculations were based on continuing this year, but exact calculations can't be made until the week of April 3, after teams set their opening-day rosters.

Until then, many teams keep several veterans on minor league rosters. Once a player is added to the major-league roster, his salary for the season becomes guaranteed.

Figures were obtained by the AP from management and player sources. For some players, parts of salaries deferred without interest are discounted to reflect current values.

### Who wants to be a millionaire?

According to a study by The Associated Press, 37.3 percent of all major league baseball players made \$1 million or more in 1999. Here is a look at last season's highest-paid players.

#### Top of the heap

##### Player, club

1. Albert Belle, Baltimore	\$11,949,794
2. Pedro Martinez, Boston	11,250,000
3. Kevin Brown, Los Angeles	10,714,286
4. Greg Maddux, Atlanta	10,600,000
5. Gary Sheffield, Los Angeles	9,936,667
6. Bernie Williams, N.Y. Yankees	9,857,143
7. Randy Johnson, Arizona	9,650,000
8. David Cone, N.Y. Yankees	9,500,000
9. Barry Bonds, San Francisco	9,381,057
10. Mark McGwire, St. Louis	9,308,667

#### Players earning \$1 million or more per season

Players: 342

Players: 326

Players: 285



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Ed De Gaspero/A





## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Albertson's selects new president, COO

BOISE - Albertson's Inc. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gary Michael and the grocery chain's board named Peter Lynch, 48, as president and chief operating officer, effective immediately.

Lynch began his retail career in 1967 and most recently was executive vice president of operations. The position of president and COO has been vacant since June.

"The new Albertson's will benefit greatly from Peter's dynamic leadership and his passionate commitment to our associates and our customers," Michael said.

### Micron mulls splitting off Web-hosting operations

NAMPA - Micron Electronics Inc. executives indicated the company may spin off its Web-hosting operations into a separate publicly traded entity.

CEO Joel Kocher said the company is "in the process of engaging an investment banker" to help unlock the value of the Internet services business.

Kocher would not say what the options could be for Micron's Internet segment, but analysts speculated company leadership wants the promising Web-hosting business to separate from the PC operations. Micron Electronics' primary product has been PCs - almost all them sold directly to consumers.

Last year, the company moved into a variety of Internet ventures, including hosting Web pages and applications for corporate clients. The company moved deeper into Web-hosting endeavors Monday with Kocher's announcement of the purchase of another Web-hosting company. The company also said it will open a high-capacity Web and application hosting data center in Boise.

### J.C. Penney to open first college catalog center

DENTON, Texas - J.C. Penney is going to help students succeed.

The downtown Plano, Texas, retailer with a couple of Magic Valley stores opened its first catalog center on a college campus at the University of North Texas.

UNT will own and operate the Campus Catalog operation, a small store in the university's student union. It will give Penney exposure to a 26,000-student market - the younger consumers the chain so desperately needs.

Penney views the North Texas store as a way to help the store program and to introduce J.C. Penney catalog shopping to students, said Edward Trujillo, Penney's director of catalog store programs. Penney is also looking forward to feedback it expects to get from students about company products, Trujillo said.

Penney has been talking with universities nationwide for more than a year about catalog desks. And if the North Texas store succeeds, Penney could use the Campus Catalog as a model to set up other stores on college campuses nationally.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## TF thrift store seeks new home

### Discussions with the city prompt search

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It wants to be a good neighbor and help Twin Falls, so The Salvation Army is searching out a new location for its Second Avenue South thrift store, the Salvation Army's Maj. Ed Patterson said.

City representatives recently approached the organization about selling the former Kruegel's True Value Hardware building at 210 Second Ave. S., which The Salvation Army bought in early 1993, and moving the thrift store there.

Patterson said he isn't free to divulge the reason, but it was a good enough cause to send The Salvation Army on an active search.

Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency is in conversations with The Salvation Army about potentially moving the thrift store, said Dave McAlindin, Urban Renewal's executive director and the city's economic development director. But he's not talking publicly about the reason either.

Urban Renewal paid for a property appraisal, he said, declining to give results of the appraisal.

The agency initiated meetings with The Salvation Army because it is looking at acquiring that property and others nearby, McAlindin said.

"At this point, I can't tell you exactly what we might do," he said.

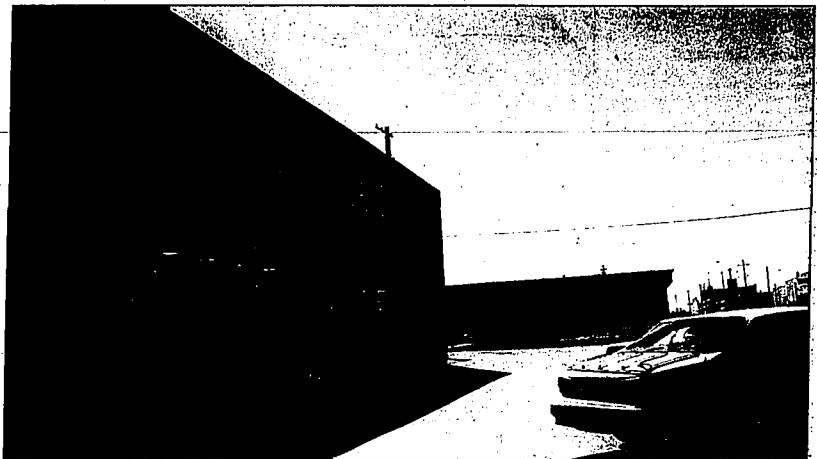
Urban Renewal might buy the thrift store property outright, buy another building and make a trade, arrange a sale of the thrift store building to some other entity - or none of the above, McAlindin said.

"It might not even end up being a part of it. I don't know," he said.

But there is reason to proceed with negotiations.

A bare lot stands behind the thrift store, and the parcels could be assembled under single ownership, McAlindin said. But he's not talking publicly about any development possibilities.

"At this point it's just preliminary," he said.



RACHEL HORTON/THE TIMES-NEWS

The Salvation Army's thrift store, at 210 Second Ave. S., is a place of property the city's Urban Renewal Agency has its eye on - for itself or for another party. So The Salvation Army is looking for a new home for the store.

the eliminated options.

"We've just looked at quite a few places," he said.

With no promising possibilities in sight now, Patterson is optimistic about the proposed move.

"We think good land really gets ready, there'll be a place available," he said.

The organization has received no solid offer for the property, he said, but it has a guarantee the store will have plenty of time to make the move.

Patterson doesn't have his eye on any particular area of town. He just wants a location with plenty of shopping traffic.

All of the profit from thrift store sales - \$60,000 to \$82,000 annually - goes directly

back into this community, Patterson said. Every weekday, 200-210 people come for help - through offerings such as emergency welfare for living expenses; a program that feeds an average of 40 or 50 people per day; or after-school programs that average 250 to 300 attendees. A new weekend program is open for ages 14-19 on Friday and Saturday nights, and church services are on Sunday.

Even if the thrift store moves, The Salvation Army still will run all programs out of its Fourth Avenue North office.

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## Home Depot considers more stock

### Proxy voting will address proposed 'old growth' forest products list

Knight Ridder News Service

ATLANTA - Home Depot, which within weeks will open a Twin Falls store, wants to double the number of its authorized common shares to 16 billion, possibly setting the stage for more stock splits and dividend increases.

The proposal is one of several investors will decide on May 31 at the home improvement retailer's annual shareholder meeting, according to a preliminary proxy.

The company, whose stock has risen sharply in the last year, said the additional shares would be used for potential splits and dividends, as well as "meet future business and financial needs," said the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

As of Dec. 1, the company had about 1.53 billion shares outstanding.

Shareholders voted last year to double the number of authorized shares from 2.5 billion to 5 billion. Home Depot's board later approved a 3-for-2 stock split, which

was effective last December. The retailer also increased its quarterly dividend by 50 percent, to 6 cents a pre-split share, from 4 cents.

Other voting matters on this year's proxy include:

- A proposal to expand Home Depot's annual report on minority and female employment.

Certain institutional investors have been asking Home Depot for employment data since 1998, after the retailer settled a class-action sex discrimination lawsuit for \$104 million. The resolutions were voted down, but last year Home Depot voluntarily published a summary of minority and female employment.

The report breaks down employment by officers, managers, sales associates and office workers. It also includes the employment growth in each of those categories. But the authors of the proposal want more details, including data beginning in 1997 for each of the nine job categories defined by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The proposal also calls for a report on "minority" litigation involving Home Depot for matters concerning race, gender or physical disabilities. Recently, racial discrimination lawsuits have been filed against the company by employees at two

stores. Home Depot denies it discriminates against employees.

The company's board has said it would be difficult to publish an accurate, current report because the retailer hires about 1,000 to 2,000 people a week.

- A proposal to issue a report that lists products derived from "old growth" forests and the location of those forests. The proposal also asks for a time line for phasing out the sales of "old growth" wood.

Last August, Home Depot announced it would stop selling wood products made from old-growth forests by 2002. The company said it has been meeting with vendors and advisers since then to carry out its plan. The proposal is calling for documentation on how Home Depot is executing its new policy.

According to the proxy, Home Depot's board is resisting such a report, saying it would take company resources away from implementing environmental policies.

- A proposal to change the classification of board members to make them eligible for re-election annually. The board typically has 11 members, who serve three-year terms in three classes. If stockholders vote to get rid of the classification system, each board member will stand for re-election every year beginning next year.

## Business districts discuss executive director's contract

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Historic Downtown and Old Towne business improvement districts will meet Thursday behind closed doors to discuss Executive Director Randy Bombardier's contract, as well as proposed unification of the two groups.

Bombardier's contract has operated on a month-to-month basis since the expiration of his one-year contract in May 1999, Bombardier said in a recent Times-News interview.

In December, the Historic Downtown BID decided, after two executive-committee sessions, that a few more things needed to be done before a contract could be drawn up between Bombardier and the BID, Bombardier said.

In an executive session Thursday, the downtown BID discussed renewal and valuation of Bombardier's contract; this will be followed by a public meeting and Old Towne will discuss the contract in a Thursday executive session, Downtown BID Chairman Ron Thompson said.

No decision can be made in an executive session.

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## MONEY

# REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Range of events fills local celebration slate

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — This is the week to celebrate small businesses around the Magic Valley.

The College of Southern Idaho's Idaho Small Business Development Center and the Twin Falls and Jerome chamber of commerce have invited the public to a Regional Small Business Week Celebration today.

The teleconference event will be held in conjunction with the Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week.

The event begins at 9 a.m. with a marketing and planning presentation by Alan Powers of the CSI business development center.

At 10:30 a.m., Region IV Development Corp. loan officer Ray Parrish and Rod Gredulski from the Small Business Administration's Boise office will discuss programs available for obtaining business loans. At 11 a.m., online entrepreneur and writer Michael Hofferer will discuss some of the basics of e-commerce that he has discovered.

The seminars will originate from CSI's Evergreen Building and be transmitted via microwave to the CSI Hailey Center, CSI

Burley Center and Jerome High School.

Regional awards for Small Business Week will be presented by Tom Bergdall, SBA regional director, during the Jerome and Twin Falls chambers' Business Achievement social event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at El Sombrero Restaurant in Jerome. That event also includes a business trade show at El Sombrero, sponsored jointly with the two chambers.

On the east side of the valley, the three-day Mini-Cassia Small Business Celebration in its second day today, featuring participation in the teleconference. Sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, the celebration highlights a wide range of businesses and will focus on business issues.

The climax of the Mini-Cassia celebration will be the Mini-Cassia Business Expo from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Snake River Plaza in Burley. At least 28 exhibitors will take advantage of the networking event to promote their businesses. The Job Service Office of Burley will have a computer terminal available for people to check out job opportunities with Mini-Cassia businesses.

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**Oil majors, banks to launch Internet site**

Bridge News

**LONDON** — Oil majors BP Amoco PLC, Royal Dutch/Shell Group and TotalFina SA, currently merging with Elf Aquitaine, announced Tuesday they will launch a new Internet-based electronic marketplace for

trade in energy, metal and other commodity products.

The Atlanta-based venture, to be known as Intercontinental Exchange, is being launched with Deutsche Bank AG, Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. and Societe Generale.

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### Civic

#### Rotary Clubs

**Blue Lakes** - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center in Twin Falls; 734-7007 or 734-4187.

**Burley** - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; 678-2221.

**Buhl** - Noon Thursdays at the Acapulco Restaurant in Buhl; 543-6841 or 543-5506.

**Gooding** - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 934-4585.

**Hallie** - Noon Saturday at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 788-0897 or 788-2114.

**Jerome** - Noon Tuesday at China Village, 123 S. Alder; 324-7000 or 324-4511.

**Rupert** - Noon Tuesdays at Clarion Inn Restaurant; Bob Stone at 726-4100.

**Rupert** - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge. Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.

**Shoshone** - Noon Wednesday at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2283.

**Bridge** - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Fulls Ave., Twin Falls; 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.

**Magic Valley Chess Club** - 7:30 p.m. Every other Saturday at the Noble in Twin Falls; 733-6186.

**Magic Valley Pinochle Club** - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.

**Valley View Retirement Center Pinochle Club** - 6:30 p.m. Fridays at Chapter 1 Bookstore, 120 N. Main, Halley; 726-5425.

**Magic Valley Bingo**, 126 2nd Ave. S. Twin Falls, 7 p.m. daily except Wednesdays and Sundays; 735-1895.

**Preschool** - 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the Gooding Public Library, 306 5th Ave. W., 3 to 5-year-olds, and parents welcome, call 934-4089.

**Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club** - Shooters welcome, 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 Fifth Ave. W., 32nd annual pistol calibers and 22, 324-5960 or 733-4213.

**Open chess** - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, Take a Break Coffee Shop, 209 N. Lincoln St., Jerome, 324-8329. All levels welcome.

**St. Jerome's Parish Hall**, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; 734-5027.

**Magleheads Barber Shop** - Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, Shoshone Street and Fourth Ave., Twin Falls; 734-2664.

**Magla** - Philharmonic Orchestra - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Butte High School band room; 678-7474.

**Snake River Flats** - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 K St. in Rupert; 436-6047 or 438-8181.

**Sweet Adelines Chorus** - Members car pool to Boise chorus every Tuesday evening. Call 733-6238.

**Hobbies**

**Bingo** - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Years Senior Citizens center, 218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone; anyone age 18 years or older, 678-3652.

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**Mother's of Young Children** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1910 Shoshone St. (use side door on Wednesdays and Ninth Avenue entrance on Saturdays); 732-5676.

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**Support Groups**

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**Health Care Provider 12 Step Recovery Program** - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at 425 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls. Call Dennis at 734-4772 or 734-4722.

**Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families** - 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Walker Center, 263 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; 734-6664.

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**Magic Valley Brain Injury Support Group and Referral Service** - For information, call Cassandra Blackley at 326-4080.

**Moms in Touch** - Meets at various times throughout the week to pray for their children, their schools and their teachers. For information, call 678-5604.

**New Life Fellowship** - (a 12-step recovery group and bible study) - 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at the First Baptist Church of Twin Falls, corner of Ninth and Superior; 734-6714.

**Overcomes Outreach** - Christ centered 12-Step Support Group (for addictive and compulsive behavior) - 7 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hwy A, 678-3678.

**Parents of Dying or Dementing Children** - For information, call 733-8869, leave a message.

**Post Polio Support Group** - For information, call 678-2571.

**Widow Support Group** - For information, call 734-2528.

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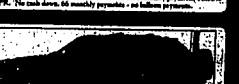
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